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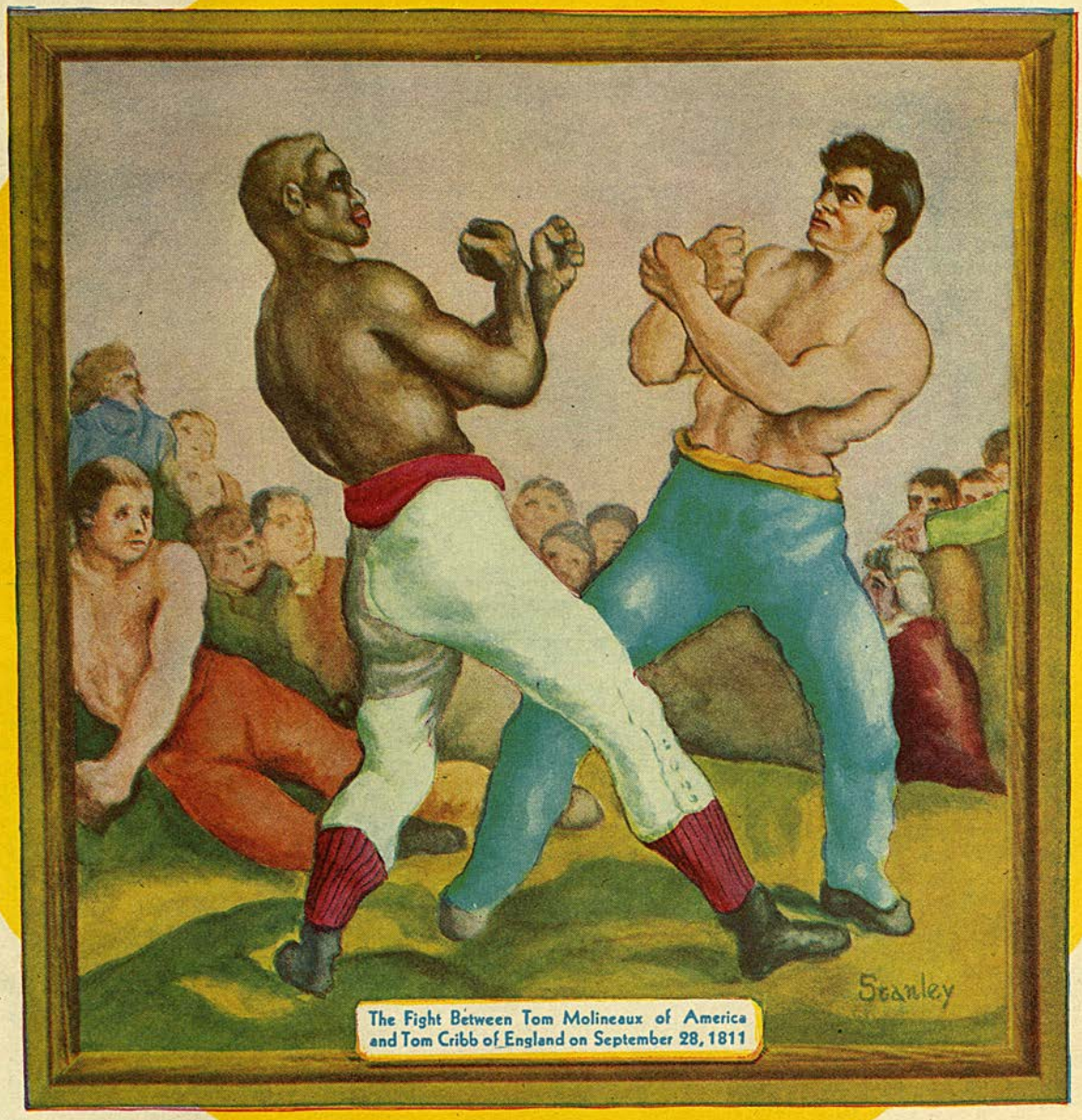

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N. Y. Boxing Code *in* Need *of* Revision

Some Rules Obsolete—Regulations for Deciding Fights Are Neither Guides Nor Workable

By DANIEL M. DANIEL

Col. Eddie Eagan, New York Chairman

WHEN the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott fight, which proved so spectacular and surprising in Madison Square Garden in New York on the night of December 5, was arranged, it was an odd sort of match.

The distance was scheduled to be only ten rounds. It was stipulated that Louis could not lose his title by decision—that Walcott could gain the heavyweight championship of the world only by a knockout, and even that was doubtful.

Since nobody believed that Walcott possibly could stop Louis, the match had every appearance of a mere exhibition, at world championship prices. The Twentieth Century Sporting Club had announced a $30 top.

As the match stood, it was strictly a large chunk of buncombe. The Garden should not have become involved in any such arrangement. And, what was more, the New York State Boxing Commission never should have approved a contest of that type.

In the light of what happened on December 5, you can imagine what would have happened, what a tremendous stench would have been let loose, if the original ten-round, can't lose the title fight, had continued in that shape.

As you know, the boxing writers raised quite a clamor. THE RING was the leader in the protest, and Col. Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York Commission, immediately killed the original arrangement and had Sol Strauss schedule the fight as a 15-round title contest. It drew a record indoor gate of $201,000.

When the ten-round arrangement was made public, there was quite a yammer that there was nothing in the book to make any such match legal.

HOWEVER, when the antis thumbed through the official book of regulations of the New York Commission, it located the following:

"All boxing championships must be at 15 rounds. It will be permitted, however, in all classes from flyweight to light-heavyweight, that a champion may engage in a bout over the weight and of a lesser number of rounds than 15, when his championship will not be at stake, provided he agrees that he will box the outstanding contender for the championship within six months from the date of his last championship bout, at the time he contracts to participate in a contest over the weight.

"It will also be permitted for a heavyweight champion to engage in a bout of a lesser number of rounds than 15 when his championship will not be at stake, provided he agrees that he will box the outstanding contender for the championship within six months from the date of his last championship bout, at the time he contracts to participate in a bout of a lesser number of rounds."

In short, according to the rule book, Col. Eagan and his Commission associates were within their rights in approving the ten-rounder.

However, it was wretched judgment and atrocious policy to have given any countenance to a ten-round, no-title arrangement for Joe Louis.

All this is by way of introducing the fact that the New York Commission has aroused itself to the silliness of the rule, and is about to throw it out of the book.

Not only is this regulation silly, but it is couched in some language which is neither English nor Esperanto.

In going over the Commission rules, I was struck with two facts—First, there are a lot of obsolete regulations which should be eliminated, or amended; second, the entire book is written in atrocious language, which is enveloped in obscurity.

As to language—just look at the second sentence. "It will be permitted that a champion," etc.

As to obscurity, suppose the heavyweight champion of the world engages in one of those phony ten-round, no-title things, and is knocked out. There is nothing in the rules which would support a title claim for the deliverer of the knockout. It says, quite emphatically, "when his championship will not be at stake."

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NOT so long ago, Col. Eagan and the Boxing Writers' Association of New York made an arrangement whereby a committee of two was to confer with him on changes in the rules. But since this committee never got together with Eagan, nothing has been done to toss out obsolete rules and make changes necessary to fit present-day conditions.

However, Col. Eagan and his colleagues have indicated that they will throw that ten-round, no-title nonsense out of the book in so far as it had to do with the heavyweight champion.

The Louis-Walcott fight proved quite conclusively that the

New York Commission's rule about deciding a fight had to be amended.

As the situation stands, New York fights must be decided on the basis of rounds won.

If there is no choice on the basis of rounds, the decision may be a draw, or the judges and referee may decide the battle on the basis of superior punishment meted out, and superior condition at the finish.

However, the chief point is this—the judges and the referee are forced to pick the winner on rounds.

Thus, Jones may shade Smith in eight out of 15 rounds, and, by mandate of the rules, get the decision, even though in the seven other rounds Smith belted Jones all over the ring.

It is obvious that the rule needs going over—that some better method of deciding a fight should be instituted.

However, Chairman Eagan, who is not disposed to do too much which now would throw the Commission into the public eye, says that he believes the current system fair and just. This in spite of the tremendous weight of evidence favoring a change which was presented in the December 5 Louis-Walcott fight.

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AFTER stipulating that a boxer may be penalized a round, by the referee, if he commits a minor foul after one warning is given, and instructing the referee to exact the penalty of a round if there be a blow below the belt, the rule book proceeds to tell how to pick the winner, thus:—

1—A clean, forceful hit, landed on any vulnerable part of the body above the belt, should be credited in proportion to its damaging effect.

2—Aggressiveness is next in importance and credits should be awarded to the contestant who sustains the action of a round by the greatest number of skilled attacks.

3—Defensive work is relatively important, and credits should be given for cleverly avoiding or blocking a blow.

4—Credits should be awarded where ring generalship is conspicuous. This comprises such points as the ability to quickly grasp and take advantage of every opportunity offered; the capacity to cope with all situations which may arise; to foresee and neutralize an opponent's method of attack; to force an opponent to adopt a style of boxing at which he is not particularly skillful.

5—Special attention is called to the fact that a contestant in the ring who persistently delays the action of the contest by holding and maintaining a clinch in a round subjects himself to being penalized by the referee with the loss of the round.

6—A contestant should be given credit for sportsmanlike actions in the ring, close adherence to the spirit as well as the letter of the rules, and for refraining from taking technical advantage of situations unfair to an opponent.

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SO much for the points on which the fight must be judged. The rule then goes on as follows:

"Judges and referees will mark their cards at the end of each round, W-L-E. 'W', meaning Win; 'L', Lose; and 'E', Even. The round to be given by the officials to the man, who, in their opinion, showed superiority over his opponent in that particular round.

"At the end of the contest, the boxer winning the greater number of rounds shall be declared the winner.

"Should it develop that both have an equal number of rounds won, the decision may be called a 'Draw' or awarded to one of the contestants, provided said contestant is in better physical condition at the end of the bout, and has inflicted the greater amount of damage during the course of the bout.

"It shall be discretionary with ring officials to award the contest to a boxer who has won a lesser number of rounds than his opponent only in cases where in the judgment of ring officials said contestant has inflicted the greater amount of damage and has proven his definite superiority over his opponent, during the contest, and finished in a better physical condition."

Now, please read all this over carefully, from Regulation No. 1 through the quoted matter.

I will award a gilt mustache cup to any referee or judge on the list of the New York Commission who will pass an examination in the meaning of all this complicated verbiage. It is a lot of junk, couched in language worthy of a boy in lower grade school.

As these regulations stand, they could be edited down to about a third of the words used. As for an "amount" of damage, that is absolutely new to me.

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I HAVE quoted the judging rule in its entirety so that the reader may appreciate the thorough ambiguity of the construction, and the indecisiveness of the system.

Of course, Col. Eagan and his associates inherited the book from a long succession of predecessors. However, time does march on, even in the ring, and what appears to be perfectly serviceable for one decade is completely obsolete in the next.

It is apparent that the Commission must go over the entire book—not merely those pages devoted to the vital matter of instructing the referee, and the two judges, in their duties, and in the system of picking a winner in a New York ring.

It is feasible to evolve a method of judging which would give credit for rounds, for aggressiveness, for points, for ingenuity, for defensive skill and resourcefulness, for forcing the fighting.

However, as you can see from perusal of the present code, it affords neither a guide nor a completely workable system and Col. Eagan should lose no time taking care of the matter.

* * *

NOW let me reach into Section 7, of the New York book, which has to do with championships.

It says, "A boxer holding a championship title, with the exception of those in the service of the Armed Forces, must defend the same within a period of six months after winning or defending the title in a bona fide bout to a decision.

"Should such boxer fail to so defend his title the Commission will receive, and forward to the champion on behalf of another boxer, and at the lapse of said six months, a 'challenge'. The champion must accept such challenge within fifteen days after receipt thereof and enter into proper articles of agreement with the challenger, and upon his failure to do so, his license shall stand suspended at the pleasure of the Commission.

"In addition to disciplining the holder of the championship title as aforesaid, or should the champion for any reason be unable to qualify, the Commission may declare the title forfeited and hold a tournament open to all contenders, and award the title to the successful boxer taking part in such tournament."

The present chairman insists that the Commission is not a matchmaking agency.

Yet, there it is, black on white, in the official book—"The Commission may declare the title forfeited and hold a tournament open to all contenders."

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THE rule book insists that the Commission must see to it that only qualified contenders send in challenges.

However, this now is absolutely a dead letter. The Commission makes no effort to sort out the worthwhile challengers, and permits the champions to pick their own opponents.

Nor is the six months rule considered. As a consequence, there were a mere two championship fights in the state of New York in 1947—the Louis-Walcott affair, and the Lesnevich-Fox encounter.

When the Commission was on the job, unafraid, champions had to come out and fight in New York. Now they do pretty much as they please.

In the present conditions in New York, there is no reward for working into the No. 1 or No. 2 places in the ratings of a class, under the champion. He does as he pleases, picks nobodies, lets the true challengers cool their heels in the frozen anteroom of the classification.

Unless the Commission

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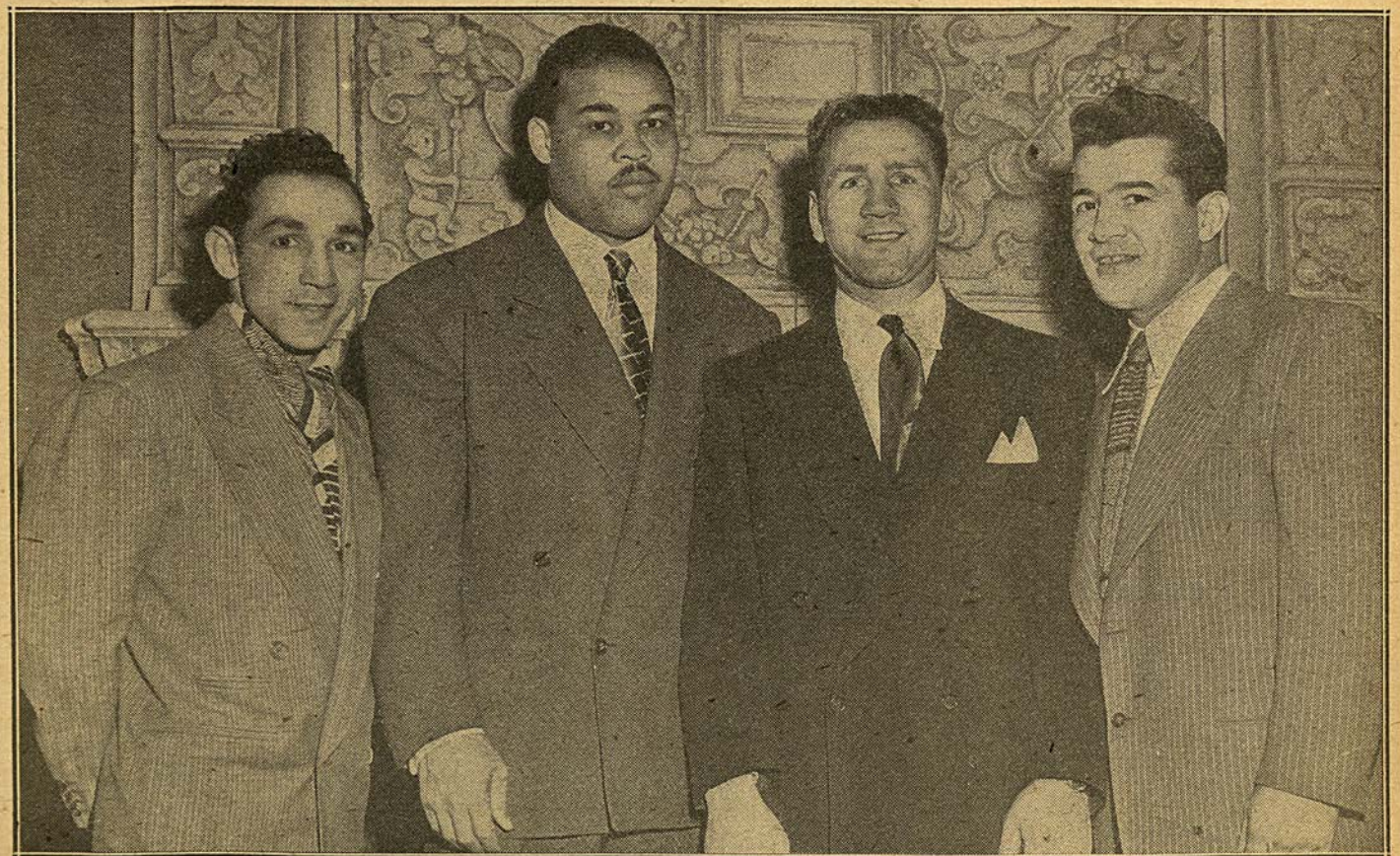
Honored at Boxing Writers' Dinner. Left to right—Laverne Roach, holding THE RING *"Rookie of the Year" award; Nat Fleischer, President, giving Gus Lesnevich the Ed Neil Memorial Plaque; Jim Farley, who received the James J. Walker Memorial Award; Al Buck, who was honored by his colleagues for long and meritorious service as president and Jersey Joe Walcott, who received* THE RING'S *medal for an outstanding performance against Joe Louis.*



Champs who were honored guests at Boxing Writers' of New York Dinner at Ruppert's Brewery. Left to right—Willie Pep, feather king; Joe Louis, heavyweight; Gus Lesnevich, light-heavyweight; Rocky Graziano, middleweight. Jimmy Braddock was also present.

Action, *not* Words, Needed

Name-Calling Won't Aid Boxing—District Attorney and New York Commission Are Advised to Get Together to Clean Up Sport

By SID FEDER

THE State Attorney General and the State Athletic Commission have told New York City District Attorney Frank Hogan to "put up or shut up" in his long headline-catching campaign against boxing—and about time, too.

The District Attorney has been nearly a year and a half now giving out with catchy remarks about what a horrible mess boxing is in, and about gangster and underworld connections and undercover managers and what not. But up to this writing, there hasn't been a single indictment or a single man put on trial, despite the D. A.'s blasts or the fact he's working full-time with a grand jury.

The fancy "blow-off" in the matter came at the New York Boxing Writers' dinner in January at Ruppert's Brewery. Hogan said, in effect, that it's too bad about boxing, after all the work he's done to save it. And Assistant Attorney General John Powers and Athletic Commission Chairman Eddie Eagan told Hogan that boxing is getting along pretty well, thank you, so "enough of this red herring—let's get down to cases."

Hogan asked why the commission hasn't done something since he turned over the 700-page report of the grand jury investigating boxing. And Eagan and Powers snapped right back that Hogan not only hasn't done any convicting, himself, but has refused to ask court permission to make public the grand jury report, thereby preventing a commission clean-up.

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PERHAPS the key statement of all the verbal blockbusters the law boys pitched around the rubber peas and hockey-puck potatoes that night was a somewhat-overlooked remark Powers passed out.

"While it (the grand jury report) may make interesting publicity, and while boxing has its evils," Powers served up, for free, "I don't think you'll find boxing is as heinous a sport as pointed out."

That publicity angle is an interesting slant, at that. It has long been known that any scandal in sports is able to draw larger, blacker and juicier headlines than almost any other kind of scandal. This is particularly true of boxing, where fancy amounts of money and widely-known figures are involved. As a result, the beak-busting trade is the kind of sport that will always attract characters especially vulnerable.

It must be remembered that this is a national election year. It must be remembered, too, that Hogan is the District Attorney in a city headed by a Democratic administration while Powers, from the Attorney General's office, and Eagan, from the Athletic Commission, represent a Republican state administration. The right sort of publicity comes in handy in a national election year.

Which may be the reason Sol Strauss, who's been Mike Jacobs' stand-in with the 20th Century Sporting Club, drew cheers at the writers' dinner when he threw in the faces of all of them the charge:

"Boxing is a political football."

Nor did Sol omit the State Legislature, which has hinted it, too, wanted to get into the act, for some reason, with another investigation. Sol was so steamed up about his surprise sizzler that he was on the point of collapse when he finished. It probably surprised him more than any one else on hand, too, when the boys passed him the loud bouquets. Mostly, up to now, the fighting and managing folks have been putting the "zinger" on him for not cutting them in on the television and radio money at Madison Square Garden.

It was too bad Hogan didn't wait to hear that part of the proceedings. He left right after his own verbal rock-throwing. He might have learned something about how the other half lives—about how most of the folks really feel about this oldest of all big-money sports—fellows like Joe Louis and Gus Lesnevich and Jim Braddock and Gene Tunney.

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AND the prosecutor might have wanted to reply, too, when Powers pointed out that he and his men from the Attorney General's office have seen many fights, "something the esteemed preceding speaker (Hogan) and his staff haven't done."

Now, this is in no way an attempt to say everything is rosy in boxing, or that there is no hocus-pocus going on. Nor are we attempting to find fault with Hogan for his grave charges. What we are trying to bring out is that something should be done. Let's have concrete evidence that will hold up in court, instead of wrangling.

The crux of the controversy now seems to have settled down to some fancy name-calling on both sides. And that will get nowhere in a hurry in cleaning up. It would appear that the obvious road for all hands to travel is to get to huddling, honestly and with all political posies laid aside, and start swinging the broom all together where it's needed. Right now, the name-calling only goes 'round and 'round and comes out at these two points:

1—Hogan's continued howl about the mess in boxing. He, himself, has taken no criminal action, but he claims Eagan "hasn't raised a finger" since he (Hogan) turned over the grand jury report to the commission.

2—Eagan's counter-charges that (a) he has refused licenses to several undesirables who've been in boxing, and that (b) Hogan has tied his hands by refusing to request the court order by which the grand jury minutes can be made public. Unless this order is granted, Eagan reminds Hogan, he can't hold public hearings, because of the law forbidding publication of grand jury testimony under penalty of contempt charges.

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LET'S go back to the beginning of this situation. Early in 1946, the Rocky Graziano case broke. It couldn't have exploded at a more convenient moment. A lot of embarrassing questions were being asked of city authorities just then concerning the Scottoriggio killing—a Republican poll-watcher named Scottoriggio who was fatally beaten on a street in daylight on his way to the polls on election day, 1945. The man on the street, with the help of the newspaper front pages, was beginning to wonder out loud over why there was no break in this case.

So, when the Graziano rhubarb unfolded, it helped to push the Scottoriggio story back off Page One, which didn't cause the police or the D. A. to feel the least bit hurt.

But, Graziano made a voluntary statement to the D. A. The middleweight champion-to-be said he'd been offered two $100,000 bribes—one for a fight which never came off; the other for a fight in which he'd chalked up a quick knockout.

So the D. A. had to admit he had nothing on Graziano. Then the Commission took Rocky's license away for no more wrongdoing than that he hadn't told the commissioners about the offers. And Rocky's story was that he hadn't simply because he thought the whole thing was "a gag."

The D. A.'s own man—Assistant District Attorney Alfred Scotti—admitted these astonishing facts under oath at Rocky's commission hearing:

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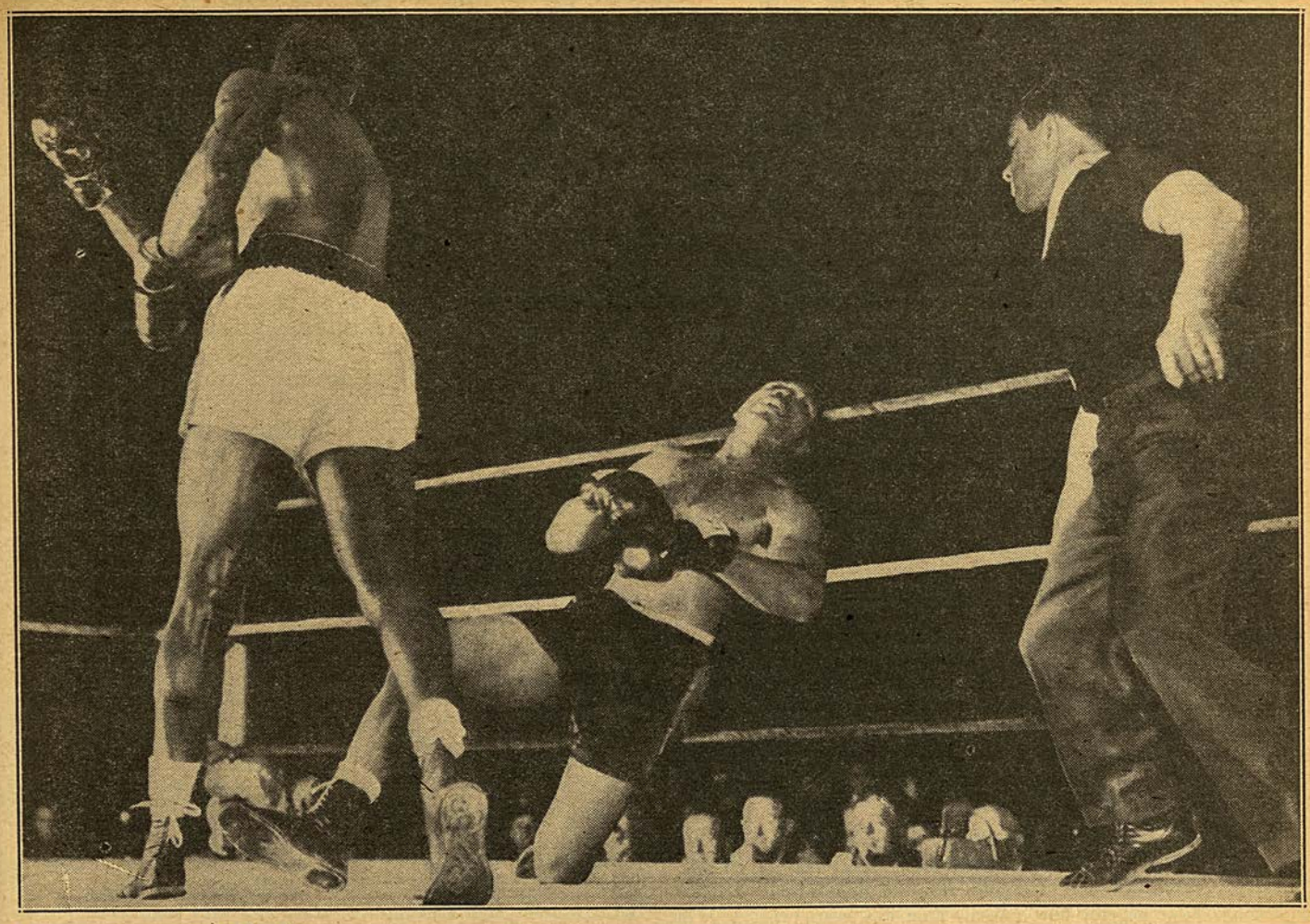
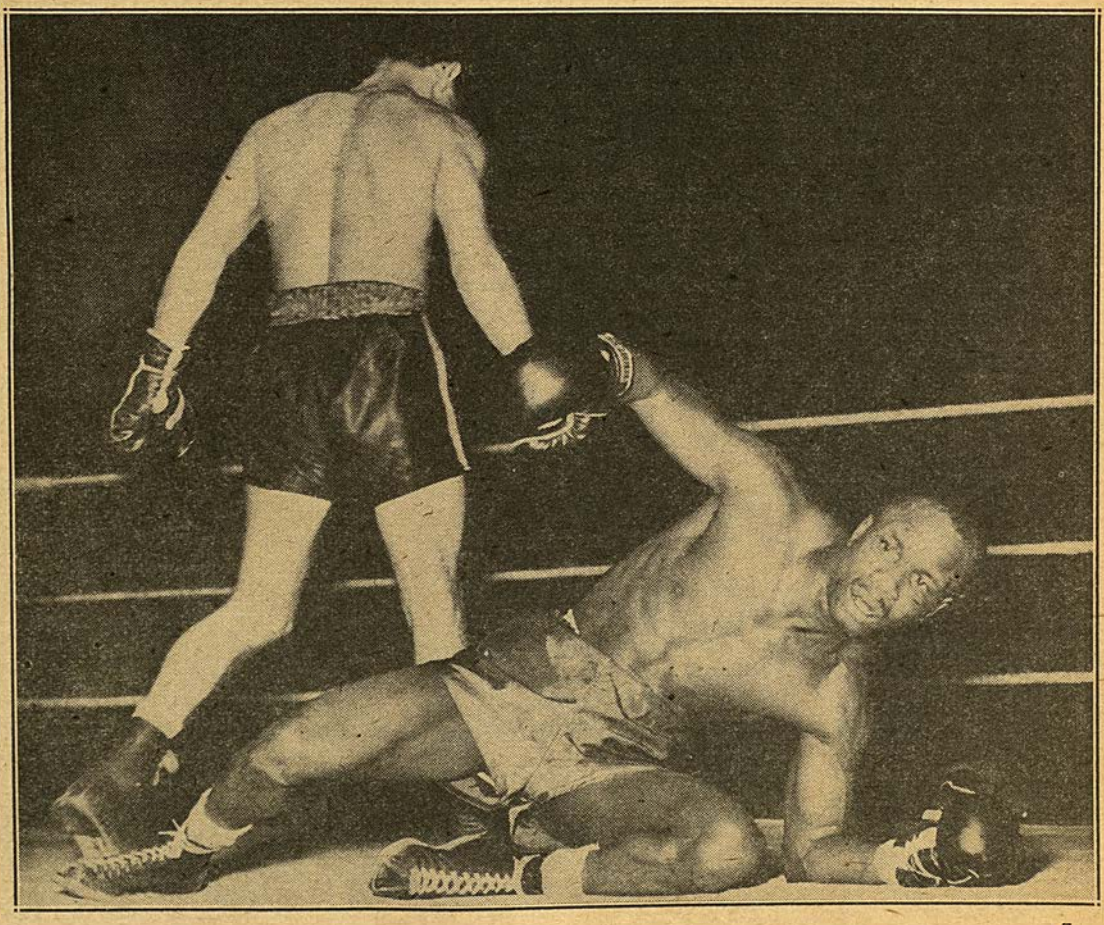


The final knockdown of Archie Moore in his battle with Ezzard Charles in Cleveland in which Moore was stopped in the eighth round.



The final round of the non-title bout between Willie Pep and Jimmy McAllister in St. Louis. McAllister was outclassed and lost the decision.

BOOM TOWN

New York Regains Its Position as World's Boxing Capital, With Ambitious Program of Championship Bouts Looming for 1948

By JERSEY JONES

HARRY MARKSON, the efficient gentleman who beats the ballyhoo tomtoms for the 20th Century Sporting Club's pugilistic enterprises, was in a reflective mood.

"Thank heaven, we've been getting some new fighters to write about," he mused. "And that, take it from me, is a vast relief to a guy whose job is to keep the sports editors and boxing writers interested in what he has to sell.

"During the war years, and for quite a spell thereafter, good talent was mighty scarce in boxing, and as a result the same old faces kept coming back.

"How long can a press agent keep digging up new ideas with the same material?

"Lately, however, we've been getting a steady run of new talent in both Madison Square Garden and the St. Nick Arena, and there's nothing like a fresh supply of merchandise to perk up the market—and give a publicity guy the shot in the arm he needs.

"I've been doing a bit of checking," Harry resumed, "and the recent turnover in the various divisions is an encouraging sign of things to come in boxing.

"Take the middleweight class, for instance. A year ago the top men were Tony Zale, Rocky Graziano, Jake LaMotta, Charley Burley, Marcel Cerdan, Georgie Abrams and Steve Belloise.

"What have we got now? Well, Zale has been practically in retirement. A few weeks ago he fought a tune-up somewhere, but that was his first start in seven or eight months, since Graziano knocked him out for the title in Chicago.

"Graziano has been inactive because of unfortunate entanglements with boxing commissions.

"LaMotta is out of the picture altogether, and little is heard these days of Burley.

"Abrams' current status is that of trial-horse for ambitious youngsters.

"Cerdan lays off so long between bouts, hiding himself in Morocco, that the public has to be reminded every now and then that he's still alive.

"Belloise, of course, is around, but he doesn't fight often enough."

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"MEANWHILE," Markson went on, "consider some of the newcomers who've stepped up into the headline brackets during the last year.

"In many quarters, Bert Lytell is regarded as the best 160-pounder in the business. Unfortunately for Bert, his tricky southpaw style makes it difficult to inveigle the good ones into the ring with him.

"Laverne Roach, picked by THE RING as 1947's Rookie of the Year, has become a popular Garden attraction.

"Jackie Darthard of Kansas City is a sensation throughout the mid-west.

"England thinks it has a sure champion in Randolph Turpin.

"Australia is booming Dave Sands as the best middleweight developed Down Under since Les Darcy.

"Here we have Pete Mead of Grand Rapids, Rocky Castellani of Luzerne, Pa., Charley (Zivic) Affif of Pittsburgh, Melvin Brown of St. Paul, Lee Sala of Donora, Pa., and several other lads who've begun to attract serious attention as big-time possibilities.

"The 160-pounders are typical of the entire industry. The development of young ring talent was held up during the war, and that's why so many old campaigners, in their 30s, and getting by on experience, have managed to stay out in front so long.

"But things are settling down now to a more normal routine, and one by one the old boys are fading from the scene as the kids move up.

"From where I'm sitting, it looks as though we'll have some interesting happenings in boxing before 1948 runs its course. And I, for one, won't be in the least surprised if we come up with a veritable army of new headliners, and perhaps a few new champions."

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FROM a New York standpoint, one particularly encouraging feature in the current outlook is that 1948 is almost certain to produce considerably more action among the title holders than was uncovered in 1947, when the year's entire output of championship bouts was exactly two—the Gus Lesnevich-Billy Fox and Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott affairs.

Not a very prepossessing record for the Big Town, considering that 10 other world title matches were staged during the year in centers other than New York. Where boxing in general is concerned, it's an excellent thing when Cleveland, Detroit, Philadelphia, Flint, Chicago, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Manila and London can come up with occasional championship bouts, to prove that New York hasn't a monopoly on title offerings, but it doesn't enhance the prestige of Gotham to let so many top attractions get away.

Perhaps the toughest clout New York suffered during 1947 was the loss of the Rocky Graziano-Tony Zale extravaganza, which wound up in Chicago, and drew the year's record gate, nearly $450,000.

Both of the title bouts staged in New York were held in the Garden. There was no major outdoor promotion during the year.

From present indications, however, at least half a dozen championship mills will be offered by Mike Jacobs' organization in 1948, and at least one, and probably two, will be outdoor presentations.

Already, one bout is definitely set—an encore engagement between Lesnevich and Fox in the Garden.

By the time this appears in print, it seems fairly certain that Louis and Walcott will have come to terms for a Yankee Stadium extravaganza in June.

The lightweight title feud between Ike Williams and Bob Montgomery was to have resumed in the Garden last January, but was postponed until February, then called off when the aging Bobcat decided to hang up the mittens and call it a career. Sol Strauss, filling in for the ailing Jacobs, is now angling for Williams to risk his precious laurels against any one of several other outstanding lightweights and the odds are about even that a match will materialize for the Garden.

Strauss also has been keen for a bantam title affair, with an international touch, involving Manuel Ortiz and the British ace, Peter Kane, but so far his efforts haven't met with a particularly encouraging response.

Willie Pep is another champion for whose services Strauss has been dickering. Sol offered Pep a February date in the Garden with Sandy Saddler, but the featherweight boss passed it up to sign for a title match with Humberto Sierra in Miami. It seems almost a certainty, however, that Pep will be seen in a champion-

ship offering in New York sometime during the year, with Saddler shaping up at the moment as the logical opponent.

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WHETHER Rocky Graziano and Ray Robinson appear in title outings in New York in 1948 is something that remains to be seen.

Rocky and Ray are tremendous box-office attractions, and in championship bouts, with strong opposition, they'd do terrific business.

But Graziano still is barred by the powers that be, and there is no saying if and/or when he'll be reinstated in their good graces.

And Robinson finds himself in the unique position of being a champion who's too good for his own good. Ray has no outstanding challenger.

In the event that his past indiscretions are officially forgiven, and he is re-licensed, the third and rubber meeting with Zale would, of course, be the logical match for Graziano, with the Yankee Stadium as the logical site.

If anything should happen to Zale in the meantime, an excellent replacement for Tony would be Marcel Cerdan.

So far as Robinson is concerned, there is no one on the American scene who would fit in with Ray in a New York title match. But there are two possibilities on foreign fronts—Tommy Burns, the Australian, and Robert Villemain, French holder of the European title.

Both Burns and Villemain have been quoted as saying they'd "welcome" the chance to meet Robinson, but since they haven't been seen in American rings, and the populace here is inclined to be skeptical of foreign reputations, it would be up to Tommy and Robert to "sell" themselves as possible Robinson opponents by showing here in test bouts with formidable Yankee mittmen.

Burns seems willing enough to prove himself. The Australian is planning to arrive in New York in late March or early April and has offered to engage in "any bout or bouts necessary" to establish his qualifications for a Robinson match.

Villemain, however, doesn't appear quite so willing to go through with that sort of program. The Frenchman, unbeaten in four years of professional competition, is rated second only to Cerdan as the best fighter at any weight in Europe. Robert would "consider" coming to New York to meet Robinson for the world title, but would not be interested in any lesser engagements. He's doing too well for himself over yonder, belting out the Ernie Rodericks of England and Egisto Peyres of Italy.

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HAD it not been for the dilly-dally tactics of Jackie Paterson's menage, Strauss would have presented a world flyweight title match in the Garden last February between the Scot and his Irish rival, Rinty Monaghan.

While the 112-pounders have become practically extinct on the big-time scene in the United States, Sol felt there were so many interesting angles and so much natural publicity copy in a British feud being aired in a "neutral" American ring that the match would have had exceptional appeal to the Garden clientele.

Monaghan was eager enough to settle the argument here, but Paterson and his managerial board hemmed and hawed so long that Strauss' patience finally ran out, and he lost interest in the match.

Incidentally, the Paterson-Monaghan bout finally has been booked for March 29 in Belfast. Whether or not Jackie will go through with it is something that remains to be seen. The suspicion has become practically a conviction in British fistic circles that the little Scot no longer can make the flyweight poundage without inviting serious consequences to his physical well being. Paterson's best fighting during the last year has been at or in the neighborhood of the bantam limit, 118 pounds.

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RETURNING to Markson's comments on the rapid "turn over" of headline talent in the various divisions, it would seem that Harry's observations have been well taken.

With the exceptions of the heavyweight and welterweight classes, which haven't been too prolific in their recent productions of outstanding newcomers, there has been, indeed, an encouraging upsurge of youngsters to replace the fading veterans.

And even the big fellows, a bit slow in keeping pace with their lighter contemporaries, have not been altogether futile in uncovering prospects worth tabbing for future reference.

There are several young heavyweights who haven't reached big-time status as yet, but seem well on their way to it, and by the end of the year it is almost certain there'll be a lot of changes in the ratings of the division's Big Ten, with old familiar names missing, and replaced by those of the newer generation.

Meanwhile, Louis points for his June meeting with Walcott, and regardless of who wins this encore engagement, it hardly seems logical to assume he will remain champion very long.

Louis has been a great fighter, and a real champion, but it is generally conceded that he is nearing the end of the fistic trail. Which, of course, isn't entirely surprising. How long can a guy last?

Shufflin' Joe will be 34 in May, and that certainly doesn't establish him as a youngster in a rugged profession that stresses youth as a prime requisite.

The Bomber has enjoyed a long, active career, but the wear and tear of that career have left their marks.

Joe jes' ain't what he uster be—and that still goes, even if he whips Walcott.

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AND Walcott himself is no superman, as his pre-Louis bout series with Elmer Ray and Joey Maxim so amply demonstrated. Jersey Joe looked surprisingly good against Louis in their Garden affair—but that, conceivably, could have been because Louis wasn't so good.

And Walcott is no kid, either. Jersey Joe's exact age is as much a mystery as Judge Crater's strange disappearance. But one thing seems fairly certain—the Merchantville, N. J., veteran is at least as old as Louis, if not older.

Aside from his unexpectedly good showing against Louis in their previous outing, there is nothing in Jersey Joe's record to establish him as a candidate for recognition among the ring's all-time greats. In qualifying for rating as Louis' No. 1 challenger, Walcott merely proved himself the best of about as poor a lot of title contenders as the heavyweight division probably ever knew.

If Walcott should happen to take the title from Louis in their forthcoming get-together, he isn't likely to hold it very long.

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THERE also seems to be something more than a suspicion circulating along Jacobs' Beach that 1948 will see Lesnevich's passing as ruler of the light-heavyweight roost.

Popular Gus enjoyed a tremendously successful campaign in 1947. But this is another year, as we Dodger baseball fans would say in Brooklyn. Lesnevich recently celebrated his 33rd birthday, and, like Louis, he has packed in a long, strenuous career. How much longer can he hold out?

At the moment, Gus is booked for a title defense against Fox in the Garden. Aside from a couple of rough moments in the early rounds, Lesnevich had little difficulty with Blackjack Billy in their meeting a year ago. Gus gave the Philadelphian a terrific lacing before stopping him in the tenth.

But the thing to remember is that Gus is now a year older—and Fox a year better.

Not that the fanciest stretch of even the most elastic imagination could envision Fox as a great fighter. He isn't. Among his liabilities is a notoriously fragile chin. He can't "take" a punch too well. But he is a dangerous socker himself with either hand, and since his disastrous meeting with Lesnevich last year he has learned a few things about boxing and ring generalship. He certainly figures to be a much more formidable opponent this time.

Yes, indeed, it looks as though Harry Markson was very much on the beam when he predicted "interesting happenings" in boxing in 1948. And quite a few of those interesting happenings promise to happen right here in what O. Henry dubbed "Little-Old-Bagdad-on-the-Subway."

"Bowtie" Jimmy Bronson

By TED CARROLL

FROM his aisle seat on the Madison Square Garden floor, James "Bowtie" Bronson, long time standard bearer of respectability in the pugilistic parade, surveyed the doings in the Garden ring and shook his head sadly. "What seems to be the trouble, Jimmy Bronson?" I ventured from my seat alongside him.

"Ted, about a year ago fourteen of my old friends and associates got together and sent me a bunch of boxers from all over the country with an eye toward my establishing a stable along the lines of the old Bronson and Brown bunch back in the twenties."

"Good for them," I responded.

"But Ted, there wasn't one among them that I couldn't lick."

"Now, now, Jimmy," I argued, "you mustn't look at these youngsters through the rose colored glasses of memories of the great fighters of long ago. After all, there's a whole lot of activity in boxing today and one doesn't have to have great fighters to do all right."

"Quite true," was Bronson's rejoinder, "but as strange as it seems, my friends make it almost impossible for me to get in there behind anyone but a world beater."

"How so?" I queried.

"Well, you see most of the writers are long time friends of mine. Fellows like Joe Williams, Dan Parker, Nat Fleischer, Wilbur Wood, Grantland Rice, Bill Corum, and so on. In their eagerness to help me, a Bronson sponsored fighter is tossed into a terrific spotlight right from the start. Knowing as I would the limitations of the boy, you can well see how I could never allow myself to be connected with a buildup over anything but the real McCoy, and I haven't been lucky enough to come up with the genuine article so far."

"I understand, Jim, it looks like you're a victim of your own good reputation."

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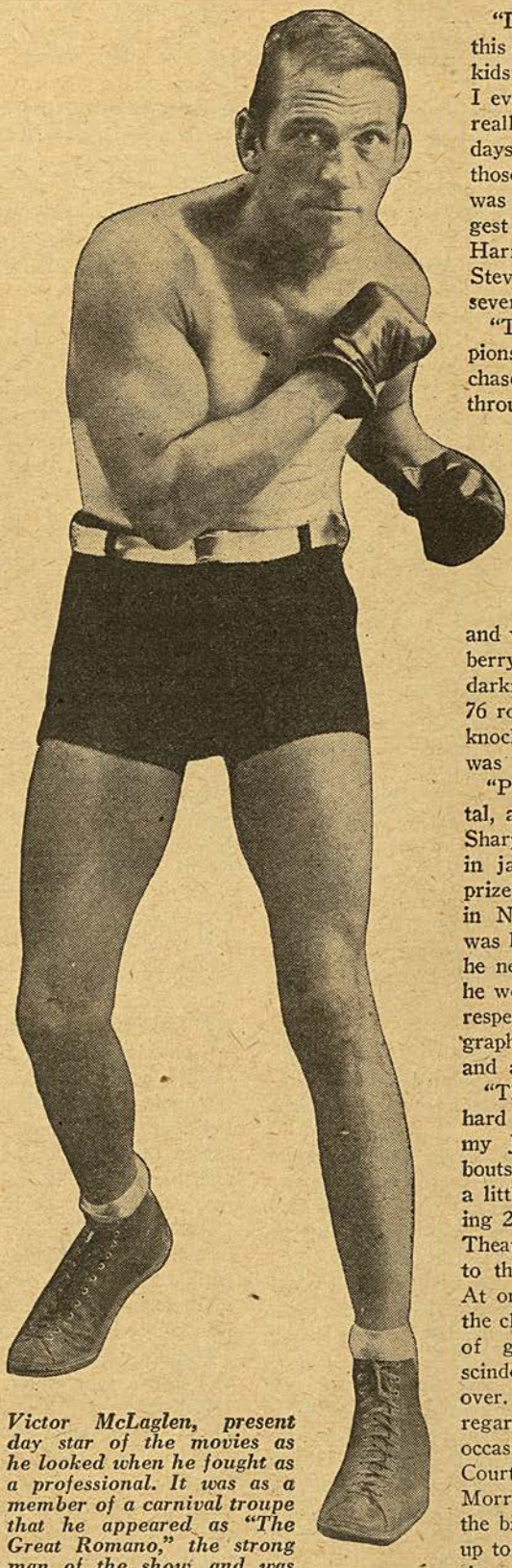
BRONSON modestly said nothing, but this polished, dignified, universally admired and respected veteran of the boxing business is so highly regarded by all, it actually seems to work to his disadvantage. Others make fortunes with mediocre maulers, but so highly is Jimmy Bronson rated by press and public alike, and so keen is his awareness of the position he holds in their esteem, that his managerial activities have been considerably curtailed in recent years.

Still eyeing the struggling semi-finalists Bronson resumed:



Victor McLaglen, present day star of the movies as he looked when he fought as a professional. It was as a member of a carnival troupe that he appeared as "The Great Romano," the strong man of the show, and was stopped by big Jess Willard in a tryout fight staged by Billy M'Carney.

"It's hard to believe," he mused, "I look at this Madison Square Garden setting for these kids and my mind goes back to the first fight I ever saw and to the conditions under which really great fighters fought back in the old days. Back in Missouri and the southwest in those times, finding a friendly sheriff who was also a fight fan, was the promoter's biggest problem. The fight I recall was between Harry Sharpe, a great idol in Missouri, and Steve Crosby, a good man who boxed Gans several times!

"The fight was for the lightweight championship of Missouri but wound up being chased out of Missouri over into Illinois through Alton on up through Lichfield and finally the co-operative constable showed up in a little spot called Nanioka. Everybody piled off the special train, set up a ring on the grass and with the sheriff in attendance, and wearing a fake beard as a disguise, the boys were off.

"The thing started in late afternoon and was to be to a finish, Marquis of Queensberry rules, skin tight gloves. It went on until darkness, the crowd produced torches and after 76 rounds Sharpe was called the winner by a knockout when Crosby, helpless on the ropes, was unable to continue.

"Poor Crosby wound up in Lichfield hospital, and upon his return to St. Louis, Harry Sharpe ended up being sentenced to a year in jail! The charge, aiding and abetting a prize fight to which although it was not held in New Missouri, Sharpe, as a participant, was held liable. Harry was so well liked that he never served the time. Not only that, but he went on to become one of St. Louis's most respected figures, head of the St. Louis Typographical Co., a successful insurance man, and a captain in World War I!

"The straight-laced blue noses gave us a hard way to go in Missouri. For a long time my Joplin club was the only one staging bouts in the state." He continued, "I began in a little spot called the Southwest A. C., seating 200, from there I moved into the Empire Theater with 800 seats and finally worked up to the Auditorium with a capacity of 4000. At one time I had 5000 enrolled members of the club. To keep the reformers quiet a couple of governors stopped me twice, but rescinded the orders as soon as the election was over. Only once did I ever go before a court regarding the legality of my club and on that occasion, Judge David Blair of the Circuit Court favored me. The $10,016 that the Carl Morris-Jim Flynn fight drew in Joplin was the biggest gate ever in the state of Missouri up to that time. Dempsey fought for me three times and the combined time of all three fights, was less than one round!

Those were the days when a promoter didn't have to beg fighters to accept a bout. The "big shot" boxers came pleading for a chance to get some fistic action.

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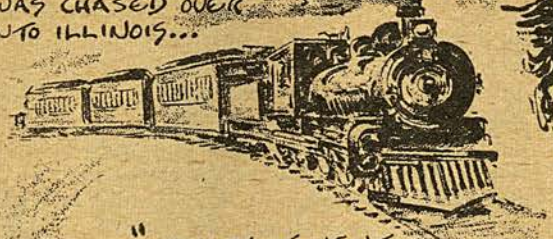

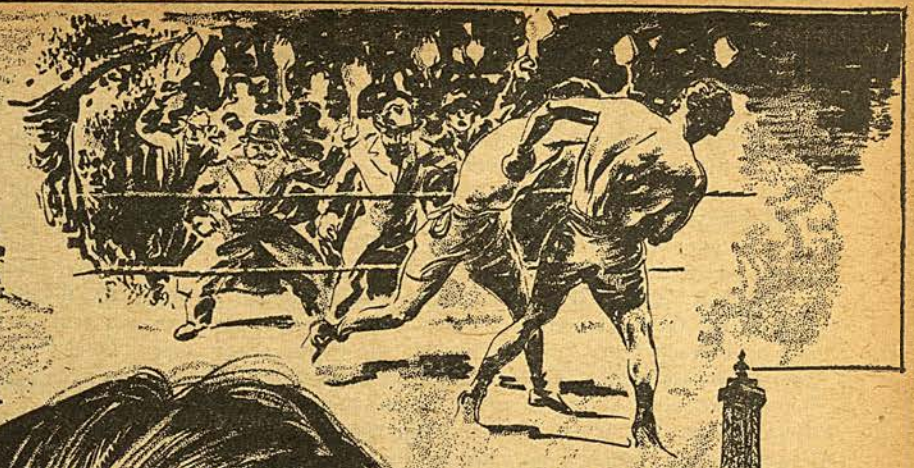

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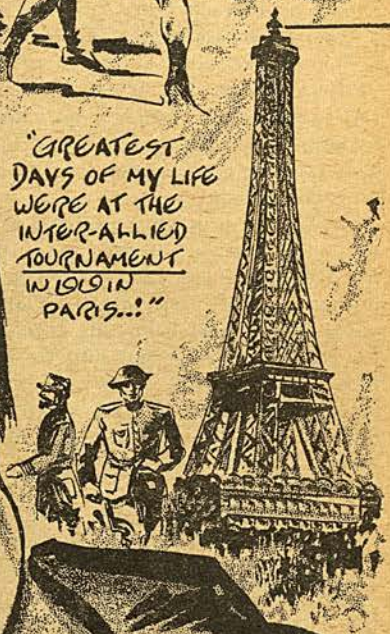

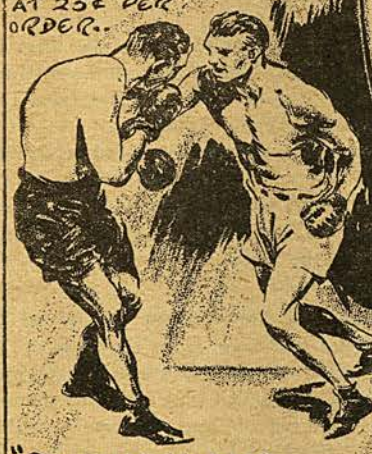

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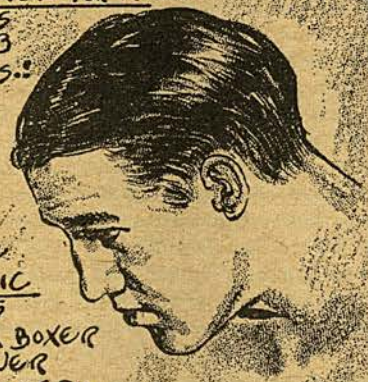

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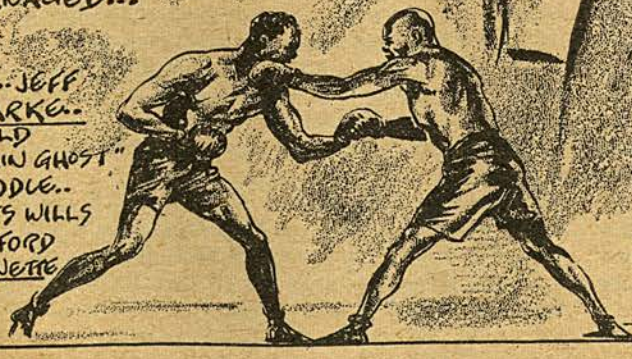

But.. JEFF CLARKE.. MY OLD "JOPLIN GHOST" A MIDDLE.. BEATS WILLS LANGFORD JEANNETTE

James "BOWTIE" BRADDOCK

...A.E.F. BOXING DIRECTOR IN WORLD WAR I... RECALLS SOME HIGH SPOTS OF 40 YEARS IN THE BOXING BUSINESS..!

"YES, Dempsey took less than three minutes to knock out Tom Riley, Bob Devere and Billy M'Carney's big heavyweight, whose name I forget. How the fans loved that Dempsey! As short as his fights were, no one ever complained or felt cheated. Jack was the original hungry fighter in those days. He only weighed about 180 and was lean and lithe as a panther.

"Speaking of Billy M'Carney, my first experiences with the Professor were interesting. He was located in Springfield, Missouri, at the time promoting fights with an ex-wrestler named O'Leary. Every week I'd drop down to Springfield and do the refereeing for them. It seemed that both of the boys had their doubts about each other but both trusted me to the extent that along with my refereeing I also filled in as a sort of accountant and in-between-man at the payoff following the shows.

"I used to get $50 for the job and Bill usually had borrowed this back from me by the time I got on the train for Joplin, still, he never failed to pay it back the following week with the routine of borrowing it over again later in the evening. This went on like an endless chain.

"M'Carney was being pestered by a big Kansas cowboy, so to get rid of him, he shipped him on up to see me. I'll never forget my first look at big Jess Willard, for that's who the fellow turned out to be. A six-foot, six-inch giant scaling 260 pounds then, his pants stopped just below his knees, and his sleeves ended around his elbows. How he got into the outfit no one will ever know! The whole rig was topped off with a huge black sombrero. I learned that his manager, a fellow named Brock, was having difficulties with the law at the moment and the big guy was almost starved.

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"AFTER listening to his tale of woe, I slipped him a five, told him to go out and get a meal and not to forget the change. When he returned, I asked him what he had and he replied, 'Ham and eggs,' but never mentioned the difference. I found out later that Willard had gone through $2.75 worth of ham and eggs. Since one order only cost two bits in those days, figure out just how much of the stuff he had put away!

"A white hope named Joe Cox was the big noise down in Springfield at the time. Not too bad a fighter, but the fans wanted to see him licked. Willard looked big enough if nothing else, to turn the trick, so back down to M'Carney at Springfield we went. Just about the same time a vaudeville strong man act known as the Great Romanos, hit town.

"The day after their arrival, the biggest Romano showed up in M'Carney's office, announced he was a fighter and challenged Joe Cox. Since Willard was ready to meet Cox, too, Uncle Will suggested the two meet in the gym with the best man getting the Cox shot. Both agreed. It came off before a packed gymnasium at 50 cents a head. Bill had figured that all out and Willard made the other guy quit.

"I wonder if Victor McLaglen remembers that one, for that's who the Great Romano was!

"Now Jess Willard wasn't a bad fighter as Dempsey will tell you. He had a great left and he was punching Cox around for a while but along about the middle of the fight Cox landed a hard right, Jess maneuvered me—the referee—in between himself and Cox, stepped out of the ring and called it an evening. Everybody knows that he went on to win the heavyweight championship of the world but when Robert Ripley finally disclosed the details of his fight with Cox years later, he accused me of informing Ripley and never spoke to me for 25 years. Nor did he ever come through with my $2.25 change either!"

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AT this point Pete Montesi, boxing promoter and double amputee hero of World War II, came along and seated himself near Mr. Bronson.

"How do you do, Mr. Bronson," greeted the personable Pete. "When I was in Paris, I met several people who were telling me about the great boxing shows you used to run during the last war."

One could sense memories of the hectic days of the first World War flashing through the mind of Jimmy Bronson, as though seeking to relive those great times again as he slowly answered.

"Yes, those were the greatest days of my life, Pete. As director of boxing in the A.E.F., I staged 2075 bouts while refereeing more than a thousand of them myself. Boxing played a greater part in World War I than in World War II. USO shows and such took up much of the time devoted to boxing in the last war.

"We had 500,000 more spectators at boxing than at baseball in Paris. And the fighters—we only had one world's champion over there, Mike O'Dowd. Eddie Eagan was one of the best. He won the middleweight championship of all the Allied forces. He was a real good fighter; although only an amateur he beat several good professionals.

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"INCIDENTALLY, I thought Eagan's answer to District Attorney Hogan at the boxing writers' dinner was one of the best speeches I've ever heard in defense of boxing. When he called boxing the last hope of the underprivileged and picked on none other than Gene Tunney sitting right next to him as a shining example, I thought he took good care of all the raps against boxing."

"Gene was light-heavyweight champion of the A.E.F. in 1918 but couldn't go in the Inter-Allied tournament because of a bad hand. Al Norton, who boxed Dempsey a couple of times on the Coast later on, stepped in and lost on a foul to Ermino Spalla of Italy for the title. This made Spalla a hero in his native Italy and several years later he visited America and boxed Tunney, who stopped him.

"A fight for which Gene got himself $25,000 by the way. Gene although champion, wasn't exactly a ball of fire overseas. Coming home, Eagan engaged in conversation with him and tried to get him to complete his education at Yale University.

"'Not for me,' said Tunney, 'I'm going to win the heavyweight championship of the world.'

"'What!' yelled Eagan, 'I can lick you myself!'

"'That may be,' Tunney said, 'but I'm still going to win the heavyweight championship of the world.'"

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THE Garden bout was over, the decision announced to a chorus of mingled cheers and boos from the mob. "That's something that will go until the end of the world," thoughtfully observed Mr. Bronson. "They've always kicked about decisions. For my part, I believe that the referee and the referee alone is qualified to give the correct decision. He's on top of the action every minute, misses nothing; while there is not a judge alive capable of seeing everything from outside the ring."

"Jimmy Bronson, who was the best fighter you ever handled?"

Jimmy adjusted his bowtie, his long time trademark, hesitated momentarily and then answered, "Jeff Clark, my old Joplin Ghost, was a marvel. Only a middleweight, he beat men like Sam Langford, Joe Jeannette, and Harry Wills. Bobby Garcia, the Mexican Indian featherweight, was great. I'll always say that Bob Martin, my A.E.F. heavyweight champion, was the hardest hitter with a right the ring ever knew. But getting right down to it I never managed a better fighter than Jack Zivic.

"Fritzie will tell you in a minute that Jack was by far the better fighter although Fritzie won the title. Jack ate himself out of the lightweight class. He was a wonderful welter, but hurt his shoulder and that finished him.

"Back in Joplin I had as a partner in my saloon—they'd call it a bar and grill nowadays—one of the best featherweights who ever fought—Tommy Dixon. Tommy Dixon was matched at one time with George Dixon for the world's championship but it never came off. I boxed Tommy three times. One day we had a bit of an argument in the place, and I said,

"'You know, Tom, you never deserved those decisions you got over me.'

"'Why, you little so and so,' he yelled, 'I carried you every time we boxed! And if you don't believe it I'll take you down in the cellar of this joint now and prove it to you in five minutes.'

"I still thought a lot of myself as a fighter even then," continued Jim, "so I took him up on it and downstairs we went. We put on the gloves and in just five minutes Tommy Dixon convinced me that he had carried me just as he said he had!"

Nat FLEISCHER says:

Open Forum at Dinner Benefits Boxing

District Attorney Castigates Racketeers

Joe Louis' Record as Titleholder Unique

NO sports dinner in New York in the past twenty years has aroused such wide public comment as the tenth annual affair of the New York Boxing Writers'. There was enough steam generated to keep the pot boiling for months.

The awards of the Ed Neil Memorial Plaque to Gus Lesnevich, THE RING Merit Award to the same fighter, the Nat Fleischer Medal to Laverne Roach for having made the most progress during 1947, the James J. Walker Memorial Award to James A. Farley for meritorious service, and THE RING Medal to Jersey Joe Walcott for an outstanding performance in having dropped Joe Louis twice and having lasted fifteen rounds against the Brown Bomber in the 1947 world heavyweight championship bout, were almost forgotten in the turmoil that followed the blast against the sport by District Attorney Frank Hogan, the fiery defense of boxing by Lt.-Col. Eddie Eagan, chairman of the New York State Commission, and the hysterical blast against Eagan and Hogan by Sol Strauss of the Twentieth Century Sporting Club. It was a night that won't be forgotten for a long time.

It was an occasion for frank speaking such as the followers of the sport had not expected. When the dust of battle had settled, it was generally agreed that despite the bitter attack made by the head of the legal department of the world's center of boxing, the sport had benefited by the open forum.

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HOGAN'S blast to "clean up boxing which requires a surgical operation if it is to survive in this state," was a ringing challenge to the boxing commission and its licensees. His attack directed chiefly against the Twentieth Century Sporting Club for "dealing with a criminal element in making its matches," the directors of Madison Square Garden "for their failure to take any action despite the fact that they had knowledge of such dealings," and the Boxing Commission, "for its failure to carry out public hearings to expose those who should be forever banned from boxing," drew the ire of Eagan, Assistant Attorney General Powers and Strauss, acting head of the club which Mike Jacobs founded. But they were not the only ones angered by Hogan's speech. Managers and boxers, of whom there were about 100 present, were as greatly stunned by the vitriolic remarks of Hogan as were the members of the Boxing Commission, and those in charge of boxing in Madison Square Garden.

District Attorney Hogan threw the first brick, and unfortunately he had to leave early to attend the Supreme Court Judges' dinner and couldn't hear the repercussions. There is no telling what might have happened had he remained to listen to the counterattacks by Eagan, Powers and Strauss.

Hogan made an impressive talk, which in the opinion of THE RING Editor, should act as a tonic for the sport which has been under investigation in New York for more than a year though I disagree with much that he had to say. As president of the Boxing Writers' Association, I don't think that he should have mentioned names at the dinner, but boxing should benefit by his remarks. There is much that Hogan said that is deserving of considerable thought by commission members, promoters, managers, boxers and the sports scribes.

HOGAN'S crusade against the sport has brought boxing into disrepute. It is high time that those who enjoy fistic entertainment learn why this crusade is continued since not one indictment has been found by the District Attorney and his Grand Jury against anyone so far quizzed by Hogan's staff.

If the sport is so rotten as the District Attorney says it is, if it requires a surgical operation to weed the bad element from its midst, if the criminals are running boxing in New York, then it is the duty of the District Attorney to indict.

Without indictments, without any definite charge that can be upheld in court, it is unfair for the crusaders to shout to the housetops that boxing is rotten. It is a sport that has upwards of 10,000 young men as participants in it annually as professionals, and of these only a few have been found with criminal records.

As Eddie Eagan properly pointed out, as a former Federal Assistant District Attorney and a member of the Attorney General's staff, he knows of many men high up in the banking business, in the legal profession and other lines of business who have served time as criminals yet the entire profession to which these men belonged was not indicted "as rotten to the core" because of these few. Boxing is a huge commercial enterprise and should be given the same treatment as other businesses.

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HOGAN'S recommendation that those who have been convicted of a crime, and those who have had any dealings with these former criminals, be banned forever from professional boxing, is far-fetched. Doesn't the District Attorney believe in rehabilitation which the police harp on ever so often?

Shouldn't one who has erred and paid the penalty, be given his freedom to make a living if he now conducts himself as society expects him to?

I'm holding no brief for the four men mentioned by Hogan or anyone else in the sport who doesn't belong. But when once a person has paid for his crime and is restored to society, no one has the right to deprive him of a living by banning him for life.

And that goes for Rocky Graziano and his war record.

Giving the former wrongdoer an opportunity to rehabilitate himself, giving him another chance, is a cardinal principle of our society. It is a principle preached by criminologists and parole officers.

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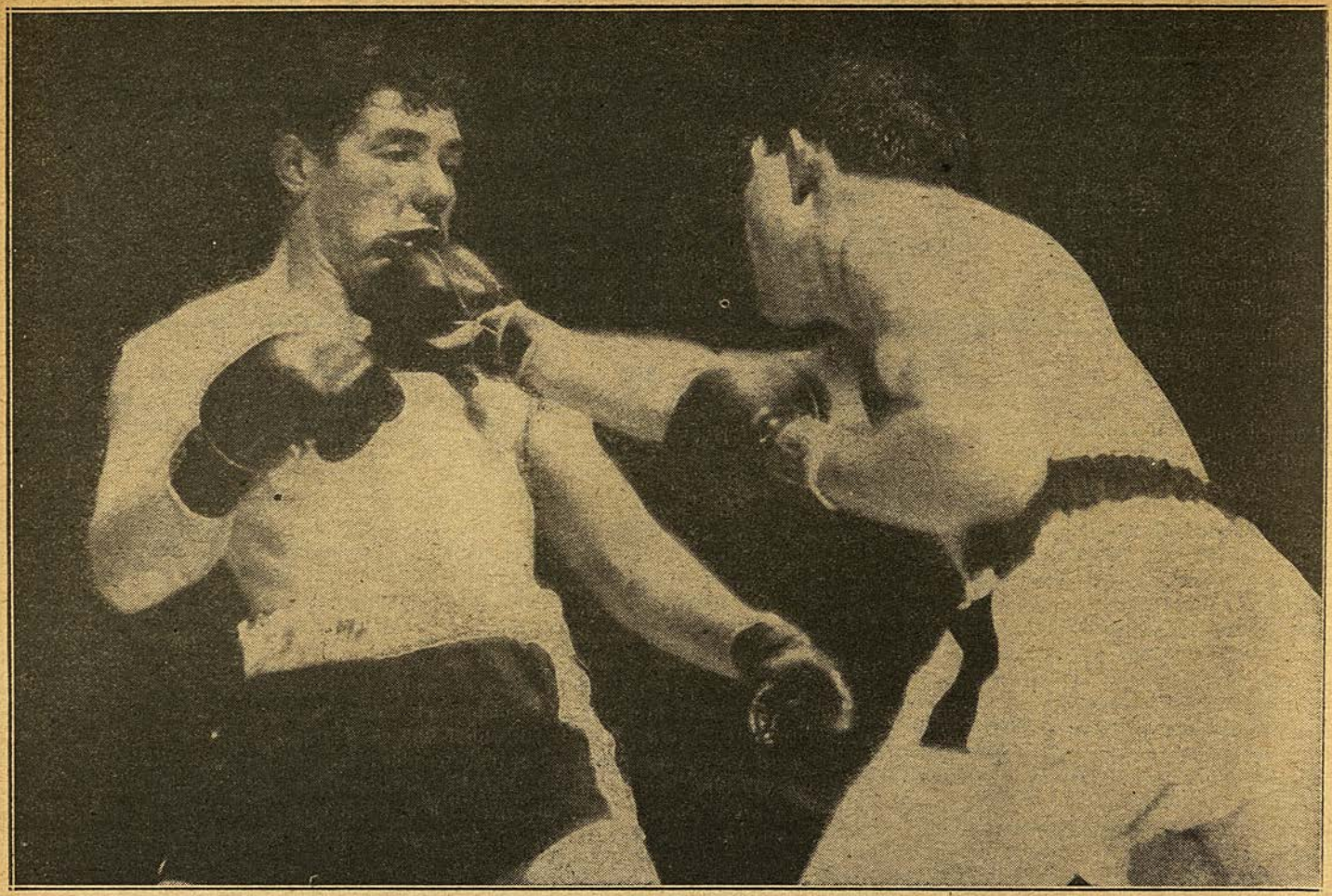
LET'S be fair in our dealings with boxing. The sport makes no pretense of being lily-white, neither is it criminal. As Col. Eagan pointed out, "It is the last frontier for the underprivileged."

I have been associated with competitive athletics for forty-five years as sports writer, newspaper editor and magazine publisher, and during that long stretch I have had plenty of occasion to observe both the good and evil in boxing. While it has many objectionable characters identified with it, the good overwhelmingly overshadows the bad. There are bad eggs in every profession, but only in boxing is the entire sport condemned for the few skunks found within its ranks.

In declaring that it is the duty of the Boxing Commission to do its own investigating and to ferret out the objectionable characters, I agree with the District Attorney. That's what a commission is for. It has a huge staff that is paid well to supervise the sport and



Laverne Roach lands a solid right to the jaw of Tony Janiro in their Garden bout in which the former Marine gained the unanimous decision. Roach won by a wide margin and proved that THE RING'S *award to him of a trophy as the "Rookie of 1947" was well deserved.*

all wrongdoers should be known by that staff and the Commission.

I agree with District Attorney Hogan that the Commission has been lax in ferreting out these characters in that the Commission has it within its power to refuse licenses to those who have been convicted of a felony, yet has ruled arbitrarily in favor of one and against the other.

Thus for example, Hymie Caplin was accused of card cheating by District Attorney O'Dwyer, now Mayor of New York, and was convicted and sentenced for his crime. After he had served his time and paid his penalty to society, he tried to get back in boxing. His application was refused on the ground that he had a criminal record. Terry Young, who also served time in prison for a felony, having been convicted of a grave crime, was restored to good standing by the Commission shortly after he got out of prison. Political influence turned the trick. If the law is such that Caplin must be banned, that Rocky Graziano must be put out of boxing because he failed to report a bribe, then why is Terry Young permitted to box in the New York clubs?

That is not a matter for District Attorney Hogan to decide. It is one for Col. Eagan and his aides to handle and it has not been handled to the satisfaction of the public, those who pay the freight.

It is a matter for the Commission to detect the crimes done against boxing, not the District Attorney.

It is a matter for the Commission to keep its house clean. That is what a commission is for. If Young is permitted to fight because he's a good drawing card, then why not Graziano?

The powers of the Commission cannot be delegated to the District Attorney. If and when the Commission finds that criminal action is necessary, then the District Attorney's job is to handle the matter from that point to obtain a conviction.

But I disagree with Eddie Eagan and with the scribes who have attacked District Attorney Hogan promiscuously, in making it appear that the District Attorney is wholly responsible for keeping boxing clean. District Attorney Hogan should be thanked for his services instead of being chastised by the scribes. It is the Commission that must keep boxing clean, not the District Attorney.

When Hogan declared that "the New York Commission hasn't lifted a finger to dig up facts," Col. Eagan insisted that his was not an investigating body. That was the police and District Attorney's job, he said.

There again I must differ with the Colonel. The Boxing Commission has wide powers. It can act as a court of law. It can subpoena anyone and such an order must be obeyed. I know because I was threatened with contempt of court by Justice Pecora when I refused to accept a subpoena for a hearing against charges I had made on the air, against the New York Commission.

The duties of the Commission do not consist merely of licensing boxers and others associated with the sport, collecting the state taxes and supervising bouts. Its duty is to investigate, to keep a watchful eye over all engaged or licensed in boxing or the staging of bouts, and to supervise the arranging of cards.

The Commission calls the last named matchmaking and won't concede that it is part of its duty, but the Walker Law doesn't agree with the Commission on that point. I was one of those who wrote the Walker Law to submit to the state legislature.

I know from close contact with the Commission that whenever a case has been under investigation by the District Attorney, the Commission has temporarily suspended the license of the man under investigation, but the District Attorney feels that such investigation should have been started by Col. Eagan and his aides, not the legal department of the City of New York, and in that he is correct.

Assistant Attorney General Powers, in answering Hogan's castigating remarks, said, "While boxing has a great many evils, you'll find that it is not as heinous a sport as has been pointed

out by New York's District Attorney," and with this I agree.

It is my opinion, based on the fact that I aided in writing the Walker Law, that the Commission pulled a faux pas from the beginning in not taking the Graziano case out of the District Attorney's hand. Had this matter been brought up during the regime of William Muldoon, James A. Farley or Bill Brown and Gen. Phelan, it's a cinch that the District Attorney's office would have been halted from any investigation until such time as the Commission had found that a crime had been committed.

Instead, Eddie Eagan permitted himself to be caught in the District Attorney's net and has never been able to get out of it. Investigations such as the District Attorney's office started against Rocky Graziano and other fighters and managers, belong to the Commission under the Walker Law and a firm stand along that line should have been taken by the board against the usurpation of its legal powers by the District Attorney.

The boxing air was made clearer by the Boxing Writers' Annual Dinner. It brought into the open a situation that required open discussion if we are to "clean house before decay reaches the roots," as District Attorney Hogan remarked.

The dinner was a most unusual one, by far the best and most constructive affair ever staged by a sports organization anywhere in this country and the writers are justly proud of their achievement in having a splendid dais and in bringing before the public an open forum on "What's wrong with boxing and how can its ills be cured." They are thankful to Hogan for the part he played.

As President of the Boxing Writers' Association I am grateful to Hogan for firing the shot that brought about the first open forum on boxing ever held in this country.

It was a night of nights for boxing, and those who were fortunate enough to attend the dinner, which has outgrown Ruppert's Brewery and will be held next year in a hotel, will never forget the 1948 affair.

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NEW YORK'S failure to recognize Rocky Graziano as world middleweight champion comes as a shock to those who are firm in their stand that a title can change hands only in the ring unless a champion retires, in which case the title becomes vacant and the winner of an elimination is generally recognized as new champion. Although Rocky stands suspended in New York, the report of Col. Eagan to the New York State Secretary lists the holder of the middleweight crown as "held in abeyance." Eagan, in explaining the meaning of his report, pointed out that the word abeyance in Webster's dictionary, means, "in suspension or inactive," and declared that he has not taken the championship from Graziano but simply won't recognize him at present.

Why mince words? Every fight fan the world over knows as does the New York Commission that Rocky Graziano is the rightful owner of the crown and regardless of the revocation of his license by New York, The Rock is still world champion.

Pity that the Commission, following the failure of the District Attorney to find any evidence of a criminal nature against Graziano in the bribe case, does not meet the issue squarely and reinstate the champion so that he can fight in New York and elsewhere without strings attached.

As I have said on previous occasions, I backed the Commission 100 percent in suspending Graziano when the case first came before the public. But he has suffered sufficiently and has paid in full for his failure to report the bribe offer.

No matter how the Colonel feels about the District Attorney's continued investigation of boxing, no matter how he feels about Rocky Graziano personally, the fact remains that the boy who has made good in rehabilitating himself from a roughneck, at least is entitled to be listed as World Middleweight Champion. That honor is his and no one can deprive him of it unless he takes it from him in a ring battle.

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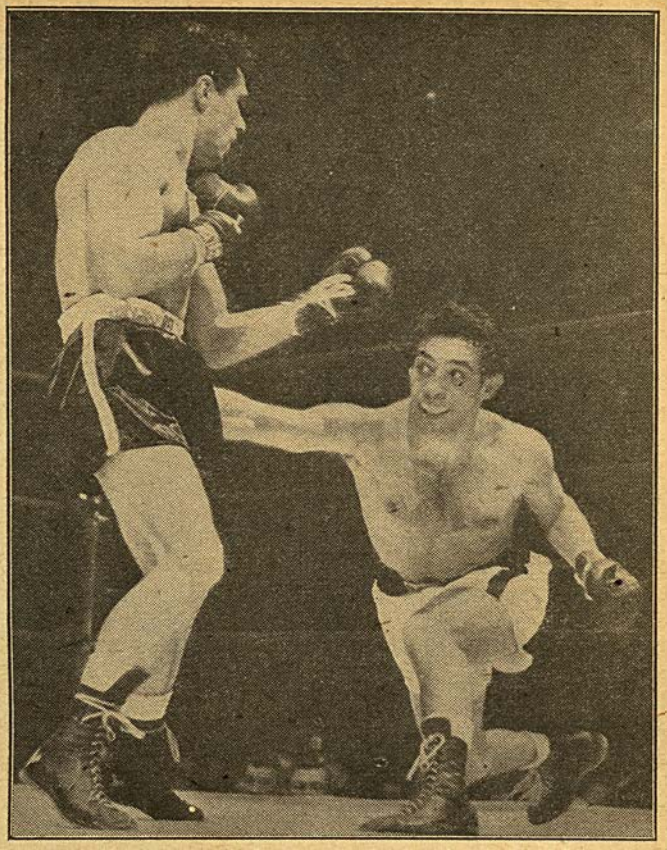
AS for the recognition of Jackie Paterson as world flyweight titleholder, that can be understood since the New York Commission and the British Board of Boxing Control have a working agreement. It will be recalled that Paterson three times failed to carry out contracts for the defense of his crown, on each occasion pleading illness, though the general impression is that he was unable to make the flyweight limit without injuring himself physically.



Just a couple of tigers unleashed in the Garden. The fight between Terry Young and Paddy DeMarco was a reminder of the old bare-knuckle brawls. The New Yorkers went at each other in hammer-and-tong style for eight rounds in the Garden with DeMarco winning a split decision.

It was then that the British Board vacated Paterson's title and recognized the Rinty Monaghan-Dado Marino fight as for the championship and after Monaghan had won the title, he was recognized by the British Board as Paterson's successor only to have the court rule that the Board could not so act and must return the crown to Jackie. The New York Commission, according to British newspaper reports, had accepted the Monaghan-Marino fight as a championship mill but because of its working agreement with the B.B. of B.C., Col. Eagan's report to the New York State Secretary names Paterson as world champion.

Now that Jackie and Monaghan are definitely signed for a title bout in Belfast, Ireland, for March 29, the matter of supremacy will be definitely settled. If it can be arranged, I will try to be present at the bout. I'm flying on a tour of Europe shortly.

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THE income from boxing and wrestling which Col. Eagan reported to the New York State Secretary, while not as big as in past years when several outdoor bouts of international importance were staged, shows a healthy condition, so far as public confidence in boxing in New York is concerned. The sum of $469,256.35 was turned into the state treasury in taxes in 1946 and $333,940.88 in 1947, a drop of 28 percent.

There is a total of 1615 licensed professionals and forty clubs staged boxing and wrestling bouts.

The gross intake for the year amounted to $4,000,000. Thus New York as since the inception of the Walker Law, leads all states in the number of boxing cards staged, the gross spent on the sport, the state income from taxes and the number of clubs running regularly.

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IN surpassing John L. Sullivan's lengthy reign as heavyweight champion of the world, Joe Louis now finds himself with no more major records at which to aim. *(Continued on page 36)*

FISTS *of* IRON

That's How His Opponents Described the Power Behind the Blows of George McFadden—He Kayoed Champs With an Inimitable Style—He Blocked With His Elbows and Hit With the Same Motion

By THE VETERAN

LAST NOVEMBER, when the political campaign in New York was at its height, a story appeared in a daily newspaper telling of the plight of George Elbows McFadden, in his day one of the world's best lightweights and welterweights. McFadden, it was learned, was ill, and the medical attention he required was quickly obtained for him. He needed no charity, but he did need friends, and they came to the front to put him back on his feet. Chief among the latter, was Mrs. Gus Ruhlin, wife of the former Akron Giant, and thanks to her help, McFadden is now recuperating in a home on Long Island.

George Elbows McFadden was a fighter of distinction whose elbows formed an impenetrable barrier to the jaw, hence the name. In every fight in which he engaged, he took a chance on breaking his elbows because of the number of blows he took. No fighter ever used his elbows as did McFadden. He blocked and hit with the same motion. He was the greatest boxer getting inside a hook and one of the finest defensive fighters among the light and welterweights. Few pugilists of his time rated above him or even his equal. During a stretch of fifteen years, McFadden fought 380 ring battles and not once was he disqualified.

Back in 1899, after McFadden had fought such stars as Kid McPartland, George Siddons, Joe Cain and Martin Flaherty, Billy Roche matched him with Joe Gans. McFadden had previously fought a terrific twenty-round draw with Walter Burgo at the old Pelican Athletic Club of Brooklyn, a fight for which McFadden received only $57, and the victor now was in demand. Roche figured that with Gans a drawing card and the Broadway A. C. as the scene for action, for this match, the financial returns would be worth the gamble. No matter what the result, McFadden would get himself a good piece of change for his efforts.

McFadden not only got that but handed Gans the first knockout of his spectacular career. The end came in the twenty-third round of a blistering fight and Elbows McFadden became the talk of the fight world.

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ROCHE at the time had taken over the management of McFadden and he realized that in Elbows he had one of the greatest battlers of the century, hence after the knockout of Gans, he let it be known to every promoter of note throughout the country that Elbows was prepared to meet the best. He got quick results. Within a fortnight after the Gans battle, he had McFadden engaged in a twenty-five-round mill with Frank Erne which the latter won, and two months later, came a return engagement with Gans which went the limit of twenty-five rounds and ended in a draw.

Then in the fall, one of the toughest lightweights of all time was McFadden's opponent. His name was George Kid Lavigne. The Saginaw Kid, who a few months previously had lost the lightweight title to Erne, figured that he could climb back into the reigning post if he could whip McFadden, then the rage of New York, but Lavigne found the going much tougher than he had expected, and suffered his first knockout. It came in the nineteenth round of that battle.

Another bout with Gans was McFadden's next engagement. In this, the Baltimore Wizard proved that he had a better knowledge of McFadden's tactics than in his previous bouts, for this time he beat the New Yorker in twenty-five rounds. The Baltimore Negro, who later won the lightweight crown, fought twice more with McFadden, getting a draw in ten rounds in one and the other, a six-rounder, being a no-decision affair.

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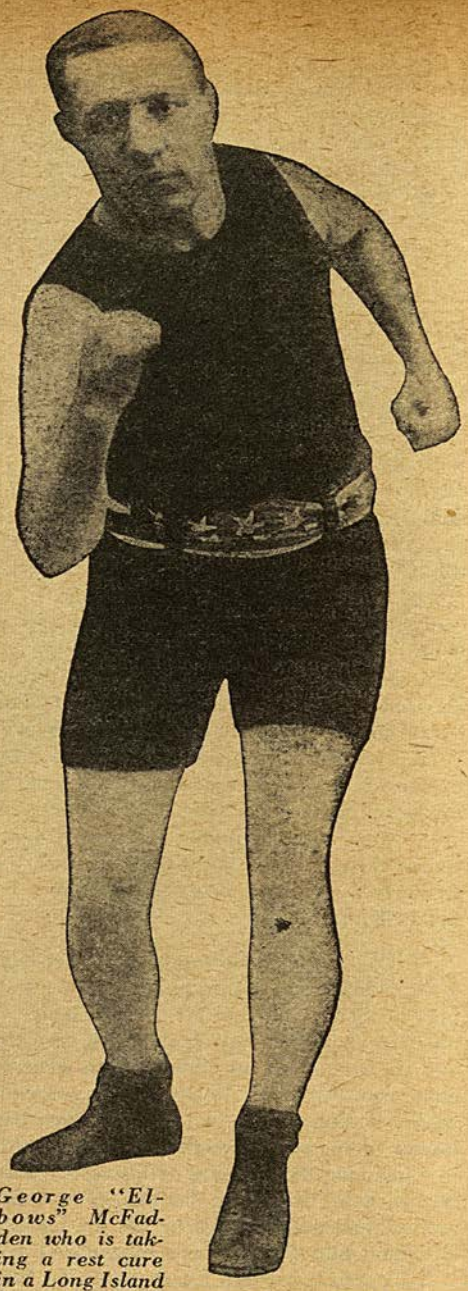
ELBOWS was as punishing a fighter as ever laced on a pair of gloves. He always led an exemplary life, never drank nor smoked, hence was always in fine physical condition. When not employed in his profession, he did odds and ends around the house and at one time even took the job of janitor in order to keep himself fit.



George "Elbows" McFadden who is taking a rest cure in a Long Island Sanatorium. He engaged in 392 battles against the world's best light and welterweights.

He was born and raised in the Gas House district of New York. He was an errand boy in a drug store before he took up fighting. No other fighter has ever accomplished the great feat of McFadden in handing two great fighters, Gans and Lavigne, their first knockouts. Both at one time held the lightweight title. McFadden fought a third champion when he clashed with Erne and though he lost the decision, there were many at the arena that night at the Lenox A. C. who insisted that Charley White, Old Eagle Eye, had erred in giving the Buffaloan the verdict. It was nothing unusual for McFadden to fight more than one twenty-round bout in a week. Today the average pugilist who rates among the first ten in any division, thinks that one fight of ten rounds per month is too much.

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McFADDEN considered Kid Lavigne the hardest hitter and the gamest fighter he ever stacked up against. Seven months after he had faced the Saginaw Kid, McFadden was matched with Jack O'Brien, tagged New York Jack, though he originally came from Nova Scotia. That bout, like the Lavigne scorcher, was fought at the Broadway A. C. and, according to Elbows, though O'Brien was far from being the best man McFadden ever met, he made Elbows step at a lively pace. He kept boring in, crouched like a cat, ready to spring, and was a fighter of perpetual motion that night.

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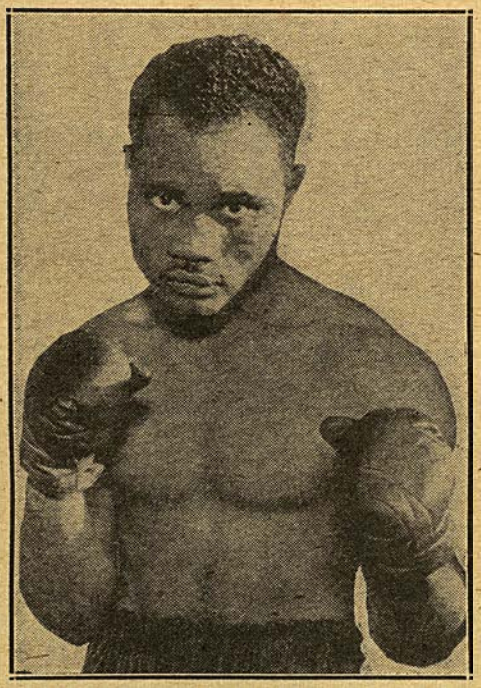
JONES MAY BE *the* ANSWER *to the* PROMOTERS' PRAYERS

By FRANCIS ALBERTANTI

GENE JONES may not mean anything to you now but the time is not far distant when the elongated Philadelphia heavyweight may be in there pitching for the title. They laughed when James J. Braddock was touted to dethrone Max Baer, and the fans cried in their tea cups the sultry afternoon in Toledo when the pint-sized Jack Dempsey faced the ponderous Jess Willard. Many "long shots" have come through in equally surprising fashion.

The man who first uttered "anything can happen in the heavyweight division," said a mouthful. Jersey Joe Walcott came within the proverbial eyelash of whipping Joe Louis, and that's a lesson in itself. Most everybody picked the champ to annihilate the challenger with one sock. If you, Mr. Reader, had parlayed your bets on the rounds you'd have won enough to replace the Marshall Plan.

To get back to Mr. Jones. The crowd that sat in at the Walcott-Louis fireworks had its appetite whetted with the sensational knockout scored by Jones over Bob Garner in 2:39 of the first round. It wasn't the kayo that counted so much as the manner in which the Quaker City lad finished his opponent. Garner was outboxing Jones when, suddenly, the roof of Madison Square Garden fell on Garner, figuratively speaking, a devastating right to the chin turning the trick.



Gene Jones, promising young heavyweight of Philadelphia.

Good heavies today are as scarce as hen's teeth. Jones is a welcome addition to the scant few, with a blazing record of seventeen K.O.'s administered in thirty-one starts. And to be truthful about it all Jones has tasted defeat five times. Most fighters, or at least their managers, dislike to see losses in the records, but Tony Georgette, who handles Jones, is not one of these.

Jones' 1947 record sparkles with eight knockouts, four wins and one loss. He flattened Jimmy Nichols, Austin Johnson, who was Walcott's chief sparring partner in preparation for the Louis thriller; Jimmy Bell, Johnny Allen, Colon Chaney, Howard Chard, Shamus O'Brien, and Garner. He earned decisions over Eddie Franklin, another Walcott sparmate; Billy Gilliam, Sandy McPherson (twice). He lost in ten heats to Dusty Wilkerson.

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JONES first saw the light of day in Philadelphia twenty-four years ago. He stands six feet 2½ inches in his stocking feet and scales 204 pounds. He served Uncle Sam with distinction for three and a half years on the Italian front. While on duty as a private and later as an MP, he found time to do a little boxing. For the edification of the boys in the war zone Jones had the temerity to spar with Louis. The champion lost no time breaking Gene's nose and he felt very bad about it. Later on Louis informed a writer on *Stars and Stripes*, "I see a great future for this kid."

The Louis compliment pleased the youngster. He also sparred with Billy Conn and Ezzard Charles, and they liked him immensely.

Today Jones speaks better Italian than some of my ancestors.

In the two years he has been boxing professionally, Jones has made a small fortune which he promptly invested in a house for his parents, sister and her three children at 111 North 57th Street, West Philadelphia.

Jones comes from a hotbed of fistiana in his immediate neighborhood where Matt Adgie, Chicken Thompson and a raft of others first showed their fistic talents. The district has produced many top "club fighters" in recent years.

His biggest purse was $1,000 from the Gilliam fight in Atlantic City. He received $750 from the 20th Century Sporting Club after he belted out Garner. Promoter Sol Strauss and matchmaker "Chickie" Bogad are anxious to show Jones in the Garden again but they admit they can't get anyone to fight him—a rather sad state of affairs. However, they haven't given up hope and expect to get him an opponent before the indoor season comes to an end.

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JONES fought his first preliminary in his home town in 1946 but ever since then he hasn't been able to get a "bite" in Philadelphia. He is anxious to strut his stuff before the home folks and is hopeful that promoter Herman Taylor will heed his cry and get him some work. "A windup or two wouldn't hurt," declares Georgette.

Jones was graduated from high school in Philly. Before the war his ambition was to be a tailor. He gave it up in favor of helping to destroy Nazism. He also worked as a ship fitter in the Philadelphia Navy Yard.

He had eighteen scraps in 1946. He came through with a majority of victories. In his second fight he scored a big hit at New Haven trouncing George Fitch, another Louis punching bag, in six heats for a paltry $75. He was a sparring partner for Walcott in California when Jersey Joe came from behind to whip Joey Maxim. On the Coast, Jones challenged both Johnny Haynes and Turkey Thompson but they wanted no part of him.

Perhaps his best fight was against Eddie Franklin in the Atlantic City Auditorium. He scored three knockdowns and got the ten-round "duke." Still another Louis sparmate, Shamus O'Brien, tasted defeat at the hands of Jones.

Jones is ambitious to battle either Joe Baksi or Jimmy Bivins. "He's ready for the topnotchers," announces Georgette. "I've seen them come and go over a stretch of twenty years and this fellow looks like a sure champion. He punches hard with either hand and has proven his worth under fire. He likes to fight. And he's easy to manage because he lets me do all the worrying while he does all the punching."

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GEORGETTE also reveals that Gene's pastime is playing the piano and drums. "He can speak several languages as fluently as a native," says the manager. "His stay in the Army did him a world of good for it helped to get him a fine body and a strong mind with a fine education thrown in for good measure."

Thus far Georgette has done a remarkable job with the youngster. Gene's mentor has been managing fighters since he was eighteen years of age, the youngest in the so-called beak-busting business. He handled such good *(Continued on page 34)*

"ALWAYS a BRIDESMAID!"

Kid Williams, who retained title by earning draw with Burns.

By JERSEY JONES

A CHAMPION is supposed to be the best man in his class. Generally he is. But not always.

Ring annals are cluttered with case histories of great ringmen who should have been champions, but, because of the vagaries of a capricious destiny, never scaled the titular heights.

Many of them rated above the champions of their era. Some—like Packey McFarland and Mike Gibbons—weren't particularly interested in fighting for titles, and were satisfied to go along the even tenor of their winning ways, the uncrowned kings of all they surveyed.

Others—like Sam Langford—were studiously avoided by the title-holders of their times.

Still others—like Lew Tendler—were unfortunate in arriving on the scene simultaneously with great champions. Had any lightweight other than the peerless Benny Leonard ruled the 135-pound roost when Tendler hit his peak, Lefty Lew unquestionably would have taken the title.

One of the ring's most notable personifications of the expression "Always a Bridesmaid, Never a Bride" was Frankie Burns, of Jersey City, as able a mechanic as the bantam division probably ever has known.

Frankie was a real artisan, with a versatile style that could be adjusted to any occasion. He could outbox fighters and outfight boxers. And he was particularly proficient in what has become practically a lost art in recent years, infighting.

For nearly a decade, from 1908 to 1917, Burns probably was the best bantam in the world. Yet he never won the title.

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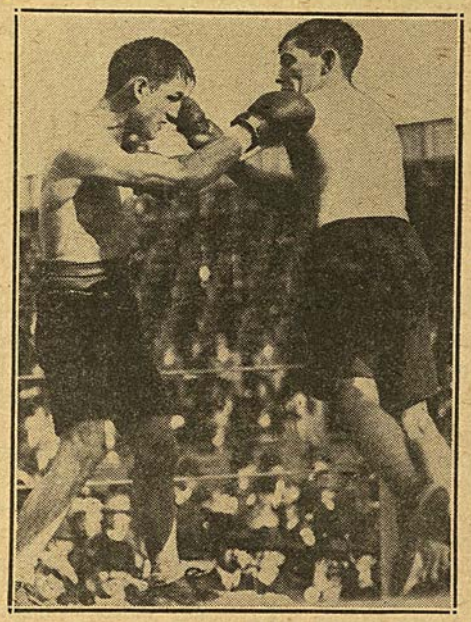
IT wasn't that Burns lacked opportunity. Far from it. He was given three cracks at the title, all in New Orleans. First, Johnny Coulon in 1912, then Kid Williams in 1915, and finally Pete Herman in 1917, accommodated him in 20-round decision arguments in the Crescent City. But a pernicious Fate had stacked the cards against Burns. The best he could salvage for himself out of the three tries was a draw with Williams.



Frankie Burns (left) suffered one of the few defeats of his career when Eddie Campi was awarded a 20-round decision in Vernon, Cal. The above is an action shot taken in this bout.

Burns should have been declared the winner over Coulon, but shrewd Johnny had "protected" himself by bringing along his own referee, "Silk Shirt Harry" Stout, of Milwaukee. What price glory for Burns! Frankie apparently won by a clear margin, but Stout's verdict went to Coulon!

Reporting the bout the following day, Will Hamilton wrote in the New Orleans *Item*:

"Frankie Burns should be champion of the world, and Johnny Coulon should be ex-champion. That is what should be the result of the 20-round fight at the Westside Athletic Club Sunday afternoon. As it is, by grace of a very bad decision by Referee Harry Stout, Coulon remains world champion. . . . Between 5,000 and 6,000 spectators thought the very worst Burns should have received was a draw, and that Coulon was only entitled to that by the common practice of referees giving the champion preference when it comes to awarding fights."

Burns always could whip Coulon. He did it twice before and once after the New Orleans affair. But, unfortunately for the Jersey Irishman, those meetings were 10-rounders of the no-decision species, and only a knockout could have taken the title from the Chicagoan. Two of their bouts were staged in 1910, the first in Brooklyn, and the second in New York, and their final get-together was in Kenosha, Wis., in 1913.

The late Bob Edgren, noted boxing authority of the old New York *Evening World,* wrote of the Brooklyn meeting:

"Very hot stuff—that Frankie Burns boy from New Jersey! Last night, at the Marathon A. C., Frankie gave bantamweight champion Johnny Coulon quite a scorching. He carried the fight to Coulon through ten sizzling rounds. He landed the only knockdown. In the last three minutes, he actually outslugged the champion, and beat him back into his own corner."

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WHEN Coulon lost the title to Kid Williams in Vernon, Cal., early in 1914, Burns promptly set his sights for a meeting with the blond Baltimorean.

A year and a half later he and Williams hooked up in New Orleans. Once again Burns had to contend not only with his opponent but the latter's hand-picked referee, who happened to be Ed Smith, of Chicago.

Smith's decision was a draw, but the majority of the fans and critics present felt that Burns' smarter boxing and accurate punching had more than offset Williams' aggressiveness and rugged infighting.

That was the only time Burns and Williams met. But a year later the Kid lost the title to Pete Herman in New Orleans, and a match between Burns and Herman became a red-hot "natural."

In 1914, in his second year of fighting, Herman had been stopped by Burns. Frankie had been too experienced for the youngster, and Pete's handlers admitted defeat by tossing in the towel in the 13th round.

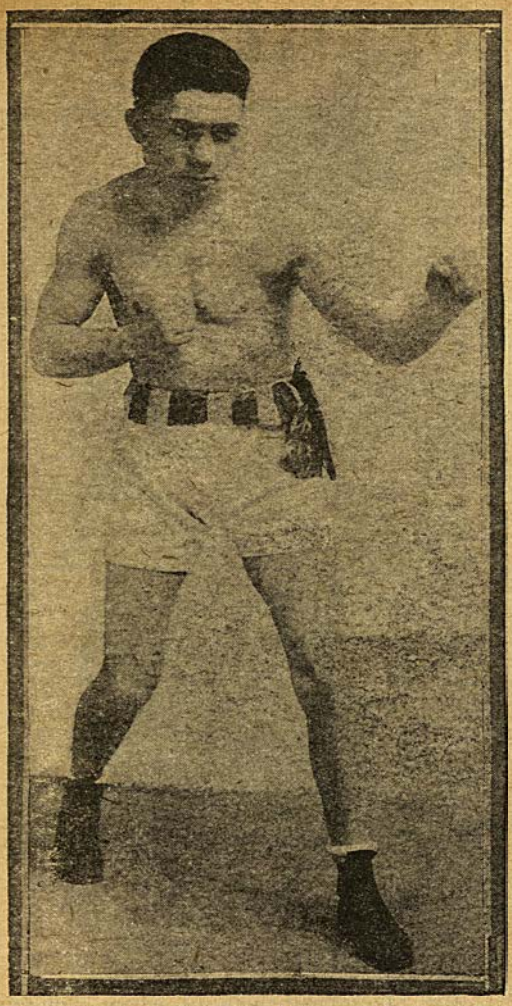
That was the only "K.O. By" ever suffered by Herman. As champion, it didn't set very well with either Pete or his manager, Red Walsh. Both welcomed the chance to even the score with Burns.

The bout was held November 5, 1917, in the Louisiana Auditorium.

Burns was then a veteran of 28, with nearly 10 years of active campaigning behind him. Not only had he begun to show the wear and tear of a long, strenuous career, but it had become difficult for him to make the prescribed weight, 118 pounds ringside.

Herman, meanwhile, had developed into one of the finest fighting machines the bantam division has ever produced—and he had learned much from his previous ill-fated meeting with Burns.

An odd twist to the title match was supplied by the referee,



Pete Herman, who evened score with Burns by winning second match.

the veteran Burns needed all his experience and ring generalship to carry on to the final bell.

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THAT defeat marked Burns' last official bid for the bantam title, though Frankie met Herman again in an eight-round no-decision bout in Jersey City during the summer of 1918. Herman, who seldom was serious about no-decision affairs, didn't extend himself, and Burns was credited with outpointing him.

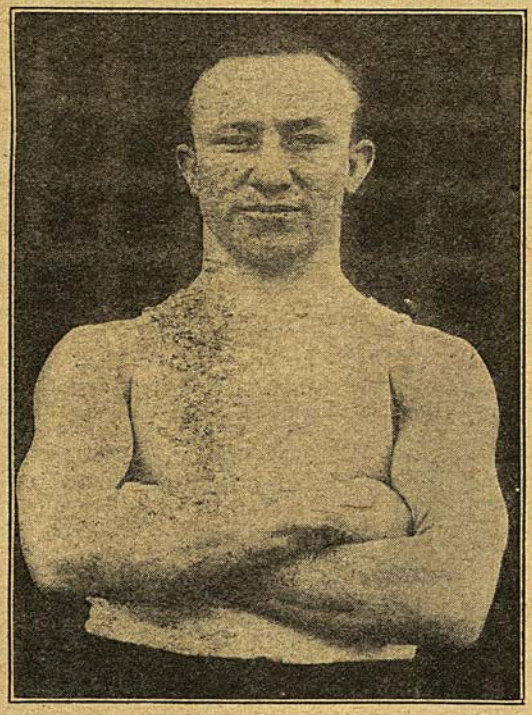
The full measure of Burns' exceptional fistic talents can be gauged by his remarkable record of having been knocked out only once in 160 ring battles, and that was at the fag-end of his career, when Johnny Kilbane, featherweight champion, flattened him in five rounds in Jersey City in 1919. Frankie was then 30, and had been fighting for 12 years.

Incidentally, Burns' meeting with Kilbane topped an all-star card that set what was then a world record for attendance at a boxing show. Staged at old West Side Park as part of a political ballyhoo campaign for Teddy Edwards, candidate for Governor of New Jersey, the card drew an official turnout of 46,800. The mark stood for two years, when it was shattered by another Jersey City presentation—the Jack Dempsey-Georges Carpentier extravaganza, which attracted 90,000 customers to Boyle's Thirty Acres.

Burns, by the way, also appeared on that card, outpointing Packey O'Gatty in one of the preliminaries. If we recollect rightly, that was Frankie's last bout.

During his industrious career, the Jersey Irishman missed very few of the era's top bantams, and often stepped into the heavier Sam Goldman, local man-about-town, who was destined to succeed Red Walsh as Herman's manager.

But Burns had no complaint to register against either Goldman's officiating or decision. Frankie lost, and there was no dispute about it. The younger, stronger Herman set a blistering pace from the start, and



Johnny Coulon, first of three champions Burns fought for bantam title.

featherweight class to battle the best in that division. In 1911 he went 10 no-decision bouts in New York with Abe Attell, then featherweight champion, and a year later he served as the party of the other in the "double debut" of Kilbane, Attell's successor.

Fresh from his title-winning effort against Abe in Vernon, Cal., the shifty Clevelander not only was making his first start as champion, but also was giving New Yorkers their first peek at him. For the auspicious occasion, Burns was selected to supply the opposition, and Frankie, though outpointed in 10 no-decision rounds, made things interesting for Kilbane.

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BURNS was tremendously popular in New Orleans, where he fought no less than 13 times. Besides his meetings with Coulon, Williams and Herman, Frankie whipped Johnny Daly, Jem Kendrick, Battling Reddy, Billy Fitzsimmons, Dutch Brandt, Chick Hayes, Frankie Conway, Artie Simons and Johnny Fisse in the Louisiana metropolis.

Aside from the decisions that went against him in his title arguments with Coulon and Herman, and the knockout registered by Kilbane in their second clash, the only official defeat listed in Burns' record was a verdict awarded to Eddie Campi after 20 rounds of milling in Vernon in 1913. Later that year Frankie battled Campi to a 15-round-draw in Denver, and the following year the rivals fought on fairly even terms in a six-round no-decision affair in Philadelphia.

Through the years, Burns traded clouts with the likes of Eddie Morgan, Charley Goldman, Tommy Houck, Joe Coster, Young Wagner, Jimmy Murray, K.O. Eggers, Jabez White, Al Shubert, Tommy O'Toole, Joey Fox, Gene Gannon, Battling Lahn, Willie Jackson, Eddie Coulon, Gussie Lewis, Benny McCoy, Frankie Brown, Memphis Pal Moore, Jack Sharkey, Joe Lynch, Harry Kabakoff, Andy Chaney, Freddie Jacks, Patsy Johnson and Charley Beecher.

Though he was not regarded as a particularly devastating puncher — his *modus operandi* was to wear his opponents down with a persistent, systematic attack—Burns piled up an impressive knockout total. Among those he stopped were Packey Hommey, Young Rector, Earl Denning, Jim Kendrick, Jimmy Taylor, Billy Marlowe, Young Zulu Kid, Dutch Brandt, Johnny (Kewpie) Ertle, Harvey Crosby, Dave Astey and Benny Kaufman.

Despite his long, active service in the ring, Frankie's features were practically unmarked when he finally hung up the mittens and called it a career—a convincing testimonial to the exceptional boxing talents of the colorful Jersey Irishman.

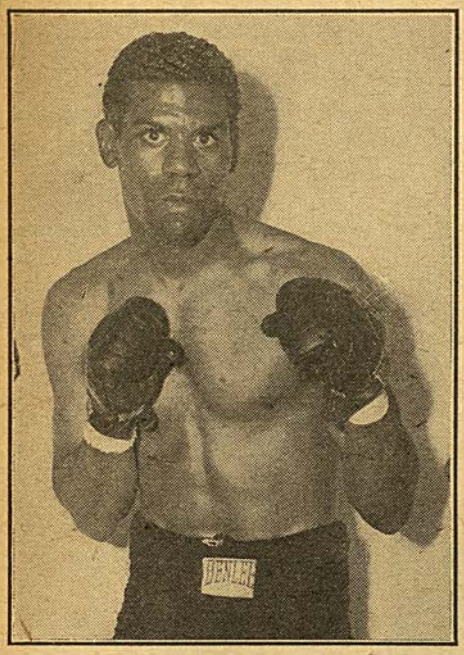
Burns, a smart operator outside the ring as well as in, was one fighter who held on to his earnings and invested them wisely. For a while, Frankie was interested in a profitable laundry business in Jersey City, but several years ago he severed his connections there to open what has since become one of the most popular taverns in Frank Hague's domain. Almost any afternoon you can find him tending his own bar in the Earle Hotel, hard by Journal Square.

Rather a strange occupation for one who doesn't smoke or drink, and whose most violent language is no rougher than "Gosh!"

But, then, it isn't any stranger than was the rugged prize-fighting business for a quiet, mild-mannered lad who didn't seem to belong in it, yet was one of the most polished fighting machines the ring has known.

GOOD CLUB FIGHTERS

By HARVEY THORNE



Charley Bennett, Chicago lightweight.

CHARLEY BENNETT

NOT a youngster in the squared circle, Charley Bennett, Washington, D. C., lightweight, is a pleasing performer who prior to going into the service was a good journeyman. However, since his discharge from the Marine Corps Charley has been showing more stuff. Like many other servicemen he appears to have found himself and holds wins over Flat Top Cummings, two over Artie Brown and a kayo over Donald Hart. He was knocked out by Jimmy McGriff in the 12th round and lost a close one to Willie Russell who had lost a split decision to Ike Williams. But even in defeat Bennett looked better than in his pre-war days.

The twenty-four year old war veteran has settled down to serious training and Marquis D. Pits, his manager feels confident that Bennett can give any of the top lightweights a tough tussle.

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VINCE SCAPARI

VINCE SCAPARI, up-and-coming young Browntown, N. J., welterweight, is beginning to think one doesn't necessarily have to join the Navy to "see the world." Boxing offers pretty much the same opportunities. In his first year of professional campaigning, Vince scattered his 17 bouts from his native New Jersey to Florida, Connecticut and New York.

Among the youngster's most notable performances were two meetings with Chico Pacheco in Miami, with the decisions evenly divided. In Hartford he fought two stirring battles with Vic Cardell, and in New York he whipped Charley Donovan and Dom Marchese. His best known opponents in Jersey were Bob Jacobs, Jimmy Milligan and Dickie Weinhold.

Scapari is a development of the amateur ranks, and in 1945 starred as a lightweight in New Jersey Golden Gloves competition.

"Vince isn't quite ready for the headliners," says his manager, "Sad Sam" Rose of Newark, "but he is coming along steadily, and it won't be long before he is right up there with the best of them."

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BOBBY NEAL

TEDDY YAROSZ, former middleweight champion of the world and brother of Tommy Yarosz, who is rated the number three light-heavyweight by THE RING Magazine, has taken Bobby Neal, the Beaver Falls, Pa., welter, under his wing to teach the Negro slugger some of the finer points of the game. Brother Eddie is sharing in the training and developing of Neal.

Nat Moll, Neal's manager, feels certain that the 22 year old army veteran will start to hit his stride now that he has had some of the rough edges made smooth.

Bobby had never donned the gloves prior to his release from the army in 1946 when he entered the simon pure ranks and won eight straight bouts before turning pro.

The lad from Pennsylvania has had seventeen fights, winning more than he has lost. Neal is a crowd pleaser, as attested to by his many repeat appearances throughout Western Pennsylvania.

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ACIE "KILLER" DEARING

ACIE "KILLER" DEARING, middleweight from deep in the heart of Texas, who has become a favorite of the boxing fans, is a heavy hitting hombre with plenty of moxie who has earned the sobriquet of "The Houston Hurricane."

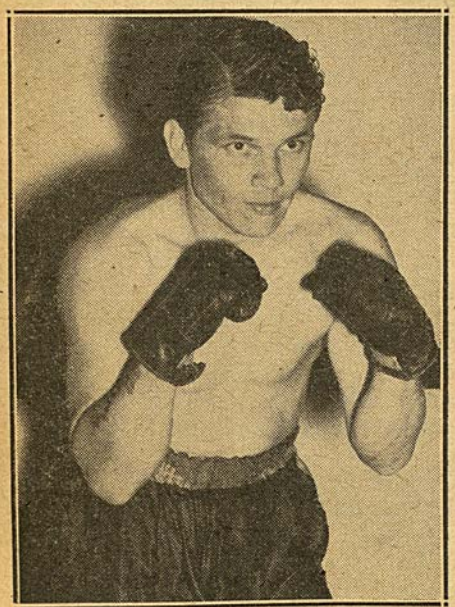
The twenty-one year old youngster makes a tough fight of it no matter what the cost. He can be depended upon to either put his opponent on the deck or end up there himself. From the starting bell he's in there throwing leather and something has to go.

His career is studded with knockouts. He holds blackouts over Melvin Shields, Charlie Benson, Billy McCoy, George Becka, Archie Vansickle, and Momo Segura. Last year he tackled a couple of tough opponents in Tony Elizonda and Pat McCafferty, both of whom dumped Dearing in free slinging where the first one to connect got the beacon.

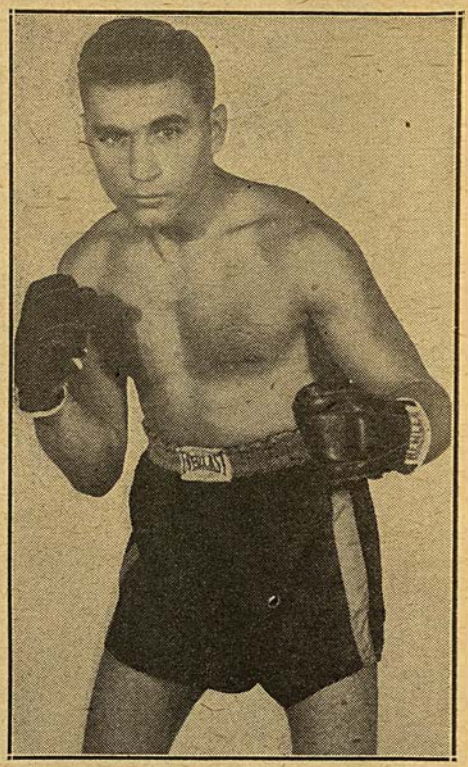
Dearing came back to draw with Billy Parks, but in his next start the Ace was trumped by Tommy Irwin.

"Any young kid must expect an occasional setback during the process of development," is the way Manager V. S. Cooper explains the few reverses suffered so far by the Houston middleweight. "Acie is the sort of boy to learn and profit from experience, and I have every confidence in his ability to eventually make good."

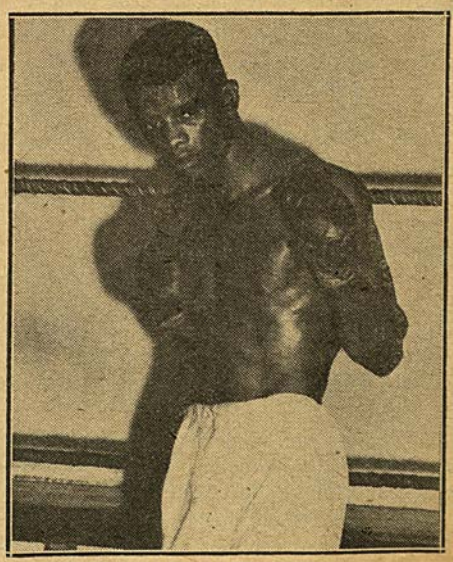
The old-time favorite, Bobby Corbett, is handling the training department.



"The Houston Hurricane," is what they call middleweight Acie Dearing.



The Skeeter State has a crowd pleaser in welterweight Vince Scapari.



Bobby Neal, Beaver Falls, Pa., welter.

Heavy-weights *in* Action

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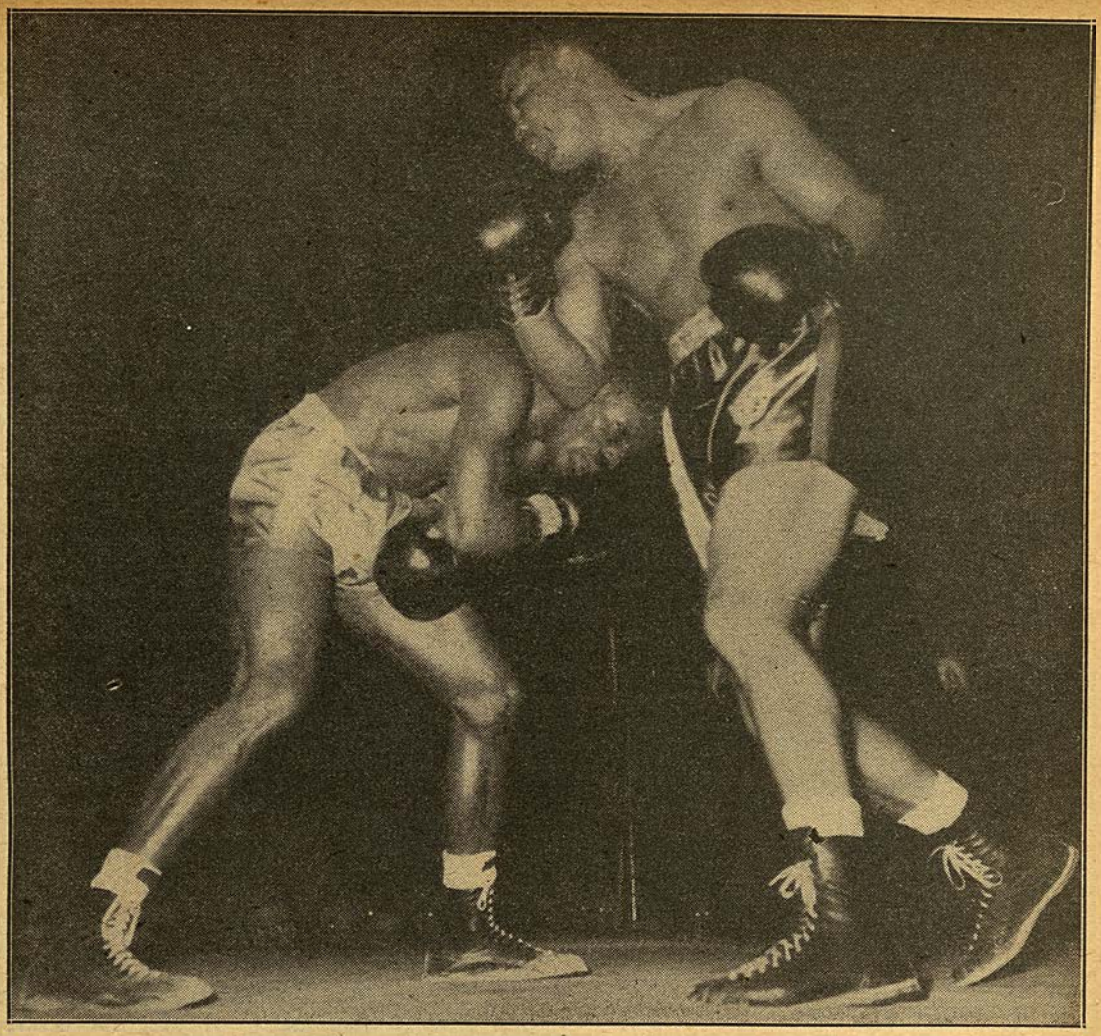
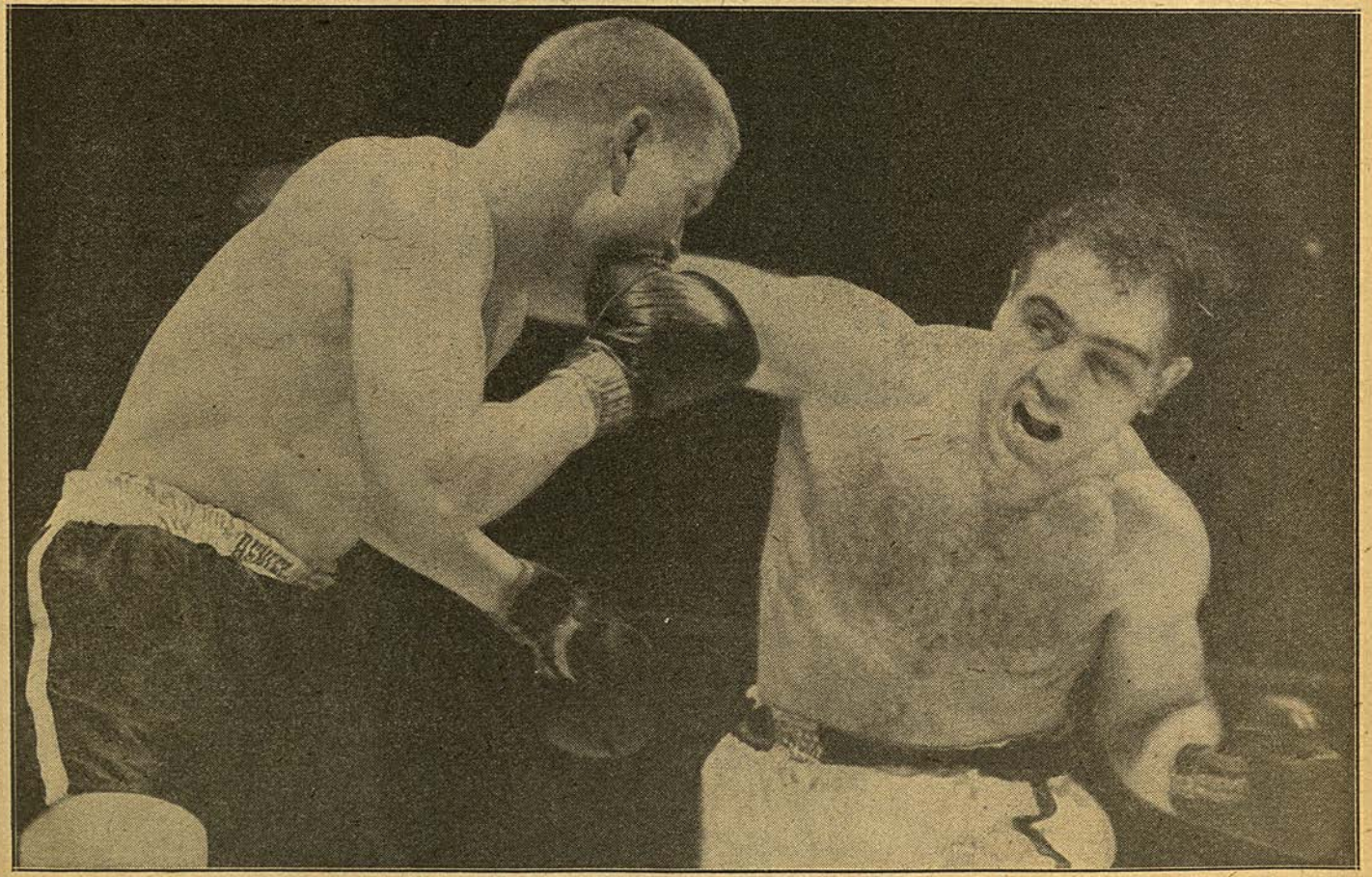


A tune-up for the King of Swat before going overseas for his London engagement, an exhibition tour that will net Joe Louis $100,000. Chicago fans saw an overweight champion, scaling 220 pounds, batter young Bob Foxworth for four rounds in an exhibition. The exhibition, in which Louis amazed his youthful opponent, grossed $37,000.



The reason for the downfall of Jackie Cranford—afraid to take a chance. Here he has a wide opening, yet is holding back his powerful right in order to protect himself, thus permitting Gino Buonvino to win the unanimous verdict in Madison Square Garden.

New York Their Goal!

Fighters Consider That They Have Arrived When They Make the Grade in Madison Square Garden

By NAT LOUBET

Gene Burton, Number Two welterweight, who is at last to be given a chance in N. Y.

THE goal of all boxers is Madison Square Garden. Just as no Moslem's life is considered complete without at least one pilgrimage to Mecca, just as the Palace Theatre represented the ultimate in success for an old-time vaudevillian, so does The House That Tex Built hold an irresistible appeal for the lads who ply their padded fists for glory and its attendant riches.

But getting into the Garden is no simple task. After all, with probably 10,000 fighters competing in this country alone, and untold thousands of others operating on the many foreign fronts, a boy needs a combination of ability, perseverance and a large load of Luck to crash the select circle.

But the smaller clubs of the world, particularly those in the New York metropolitan area, have given many an ambitious youngster the big chance he has looked for. A boy doesn't necessarily have to be a New Yorker. He can hail from anywhere—Oshkosh, Wis.; Topeka, Kan.; Valparaiso, Chile; Sydney, Australia, or the Gold Coast of Africa—but if he can become a popular attraction at the Broadway Arena, or the Ridgewood Grove, or the St. Nick Arena, or any one of the other dozen or so sluggeries operating within eyesight of the 20th Century Club's offices, he is almost certain to be spotted, and given his chance to show in the Garden.

This has been particularly evident in recent months. There hardly is a card offered in the Garden on which at least two, and sometimes as many as six, "new faces" aren't presented to the clients.

CONSIDER some of the Italian visitors. It was their fine performances at the smaller clubs that earned for Livio Minelli, Gino Buonvino and Bill Poli their opportunities to appear in the Garden.

Charley (Zivic) Affif of Pittsburgh made two New York appearances, both at the St. Nick, and next he was in a Garden ten-rounder.

New Yorkers hadn't seen their own Gene Burton in three and a half years. One fine showing at the St. Nick, and he was topping a Garden card.

Fidel Arciniega was an unknown Spanish heavyweight who suddenly became a prime favorite with the Ridgewood Grove customers, and hardly before he knew it he was fighting in the Garden.

Aubrey Buddy Holderfield, is another welter making good in Gotham rings.

It was at the many smaller punch houses in the New York area that Laverne Roach, a Texan, proved his worth to a Garden spot.

Madison Square Garden fans are being treated to many new faces.

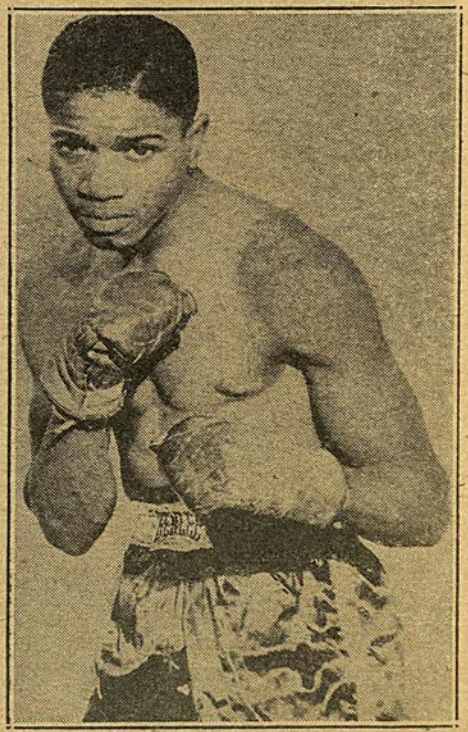
While he has been rated No. 2 in THE RING's welterweight ratings, and finally has succeeded in establishing himself with the New York fight public, there were many times during the last few years when Gene Burton wished he had remained in the amateur ranks.

Burton is the latest example of a "prophet without honor in his own country." A native-born-and-bred New Yorker, Gene had to amble the highways and byways of the nation before his old home town finally recognized him. Then he returned to the St. Nick Arena a few months ago, to uncover a brilliant exhibition against Kid Gavilan. In his itinerant journeys around the country, he had missed very few of the major cities, and very few of the outstanding lightweights and welterweights. He kept busy but not in his native New York City.

Two of his most impressive performances were decisions over Ike Williams in Chicago and Bernard Docusen in Los Angeles. Among the many other good ones he fought were Johnny Bratton, Larry Cisneros, Freddie Dawson, Dorsey Lay, Bee Bee Wright and Danny Kapilow.

Burton began his amateur boxing as a member of the famed Salem-Crescent Club, in Harlem, the alma mater of such other ring stars as Canada Lee (now a stage and screen headliner), and Ray Robinson. As a simon pure, Gene did very well for himself, and was about to turn professional when the cannons boomed and he found himself in the service. When his military duties permitted, Burton would don the gloves and keep in boxing practice.

Back in civilian circulation, Gene turned to the ring, but found the going tough in his native New York. Bouts were few and far between, and when he did fight, it generally was in a preliminary. Burton felt he was fitted for better things, so, disgusted with Gotham, he packed his duds and started heading for other places. And he landed in many of them before the folks back home began to realize that the young



Yes, it's another welterweight doing all right for himself in the "Big City". His name—Lester Felton.

man really was something worth boxing as a fighter.

So the "prodigal" returned, and right now is being boomed for a possible lightweight title match with Ike Williams. While Gene has been fighting around the 140-pound mark of late, he says he can make the lightweight limit, 135, easily enough if Williams will take him on.

Doing all right in New York is a lad who was reared in the farming area of Little Rock, Arkansas, where he lived in the middle of nowhere and had to travel many miles to get a glimpse of a boxing ring. Buddy Holderfield is enthralled by the fact that he is one of the select group making the grade in New York ringfare. He is determined to gain the pinnacle of the welterweight division if hard work will accomplish it.

Buddy, at 22, has served notice on the Mecca of boxing that he is to be seriously considered. His guiding light, Al Weill, feels that the lad will replace Lew Ambers and while this prediction is a little premature, Holderfield has shown great promise by his ten round defeat of Ruby Kessler in his last outing.

The Arkansas swiftie started boxing at the early age of thirteen and within a year he had made his weight felt by winning the Arkansas flyweight crown. Tempus fugit and the youngster put on weight and moved up to the bantams where he quickly gathered in the State bauble. Then to the lightweight class and he picked off the championship in the Arkansas and the Mid-South Golden Glove tournament. He had soon annexed the Chicago Golden Gloves lightweight title by defeating Johnny Bratton in Bratton's last amateur appearance. Buddy then went on to win the National Golden Glove crown.

Before Buddy could turn pro Uncle Sam stepped in to guide his fighting career. He was whisked to the Pacific Theater to fight the Japs and while there found time to garner the Pacific welterweight title as well as the Army's Olympic welter championship.

As soon as Holderfield had his discharge in his pocket he set out to find Al Weill, to begin his professional boxing career with Al at the helm. Since turning pro he has taken the measure of Roy Cox, Mike Bocanegra, the veteran Bobby McIntire, and Mickey Savage. He also kayoed Benjamin Prado in three heats and has been beaten twice in the early days of his career; both times by Johnny Dabbs.

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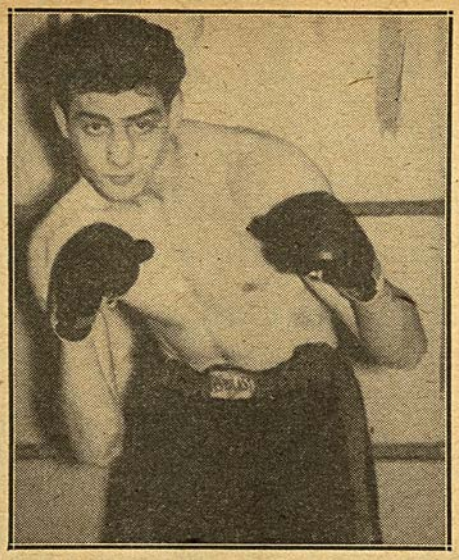
UNDEFEATED in seventeen starts, Lester Felton, a Detroit welterweight, is gunning for bigger game in and around New York. Under the joint management of Bert Lamb and Eddie Futch, the spindled-legged Felton is almost ready to call the bluff of some of champion Ray Robinson's challengers.

However, Lamb insists, "The kid is almost a year away but once he gets a belt at some of the headliners remember what I say, he'll knock 'em bowlegged."

Lamb should know a good fighter when he sees one because he was one of those tough hombres who fought in the New York armories in the early '20's. His partner, Futch, is accepted as one of the best conditioners in the business.

Among some of Felton's victims were



Born in New York and making good in New York, that's Jules Leonard—another welterweight.

Bobby Root, Joe Henderson, Albert Adams, Al Simmons, Eddie Garland and Robert Earl. He is credited with six knockouts.

Felton was born in Detroit on March 6, 1929. He scales 140 pounds and stands 5 feet 8 inches in his stocking feet. He began boxing professionally on March 4, 1947, and celebrated his debut on big time by defeating Bobby Root in four heats. On January 6 this year he knocked out Robert Earl in two sessions.

In his New York debut, Felton made a fine impression on the Sunnyside Garden patrons by flattening tough Eddie White in two stanzas.

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MANAGER LEFTY REMINI has a good-looking Gothamite in the fast welterweight, Julie Leonard, who has tasted defeat but once in eight outings. The kid has a punch as attested to by the fact that he has dusted all but one of his opponents. Julie has blasted Hastings Wise twice, Tommy Romano, Ricardo Radelli, twice, James Accord and King David. His only reverse was a knockout suffered at the hands of Nick DeGraxio in Julie's second pro affair.

Lefty says, "Don't listen to what I say about the boy—see—just look at the kid's record and watch 'im perform—watch 'im perform."

Okay, Lefty, we'll watch him perform.

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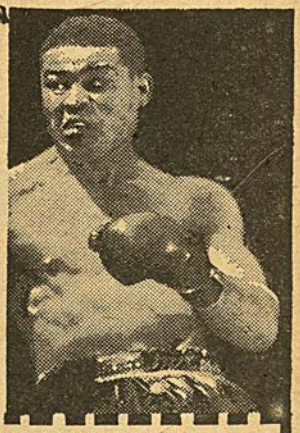

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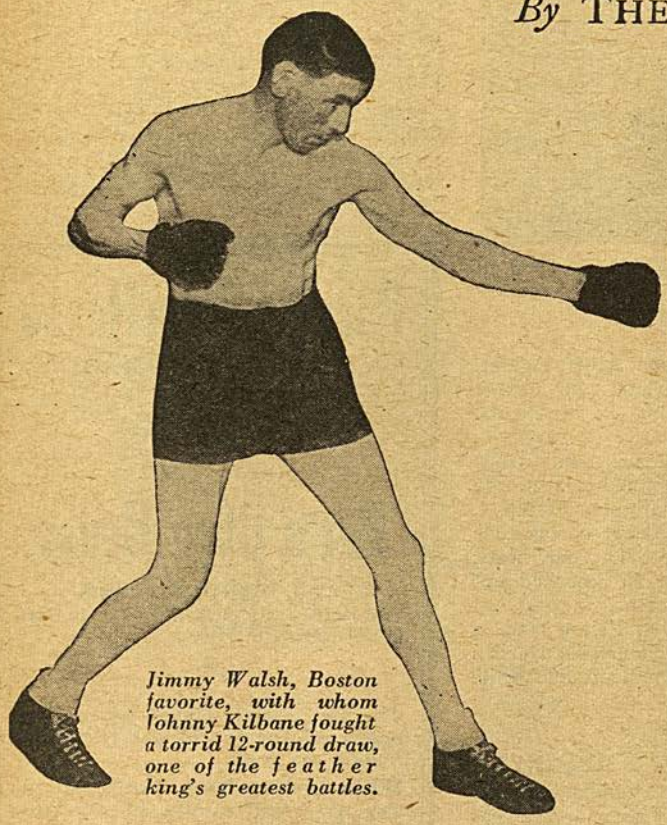
That's What Promoter Mooney Said of Johnny Kilbane When He Came to Boston and Offered to Fight Anyone Regardless of Financial Terms Just to Prove His Right to National Recognition

By THE PUBLISHER



Jimmy Walsh, Boston favorite, with whom Johnny Kilbane fought a torrid 12-round draw, one of the feather king's greatest battles.

IN THE long history of boxing, there are few pugilists who hunted Opportunity instead of Opportunity hunting them, and who in their eagerness to prove their worth as national head liners made no fuss about opponent or purse, but grabbed the first chance given them and made good with a vengeance. One of these who achieved success by trapping Opportunity in its lair, was Johnny Kilbane, who as a featherweight rated one of the world's best and held the crown for many years.

To Billy Evans, former famous American League umpire and at present a baseball magnate, Kilbane owed his sudden rise to fistic fame. Not that Evans managed Johnny. The latter's manager and teacher was one of the outstanding mid-western mentors, Jimmy Dunn, and Billy Evans was a friend of both Johnny and Jimmy. Billy was as much a follower of fisticuffs as he was of baseball and whenever Kilbane fought and it was possible for Evans to see him in action, he was a spectator.

Billy became very fond of Kilbane and one day when umpiring in Boston, Evans approached his friend, Johnny Mooney, manager of Honey Mellody and promoter of the Armory A.A., and remarked:

"Johnny, there's a young fighter out in Cleveland who in my opinion is one of the best featherweights in the country. He has a fine right hand, is game, clever, fast and can fight like a Kilkenny cat. I've seen him fight some great scraps in Cleveland, but he's anxious to come East and his manager asked me to see if I could interest you in him. He says he'll accept any preliminary fight, just to convince you that he's good, though he has appeared in main events in his home burg."

That line of talk interested Mooney, one of the country's outstanding managers, boxing scribe and promoter, and he replied:

"Billy, if he is as good as you say, and he's willing to accept a preliminary bout, I'm sure he's good enough to show in Boston. But he won't have to fight in a preliminary contest. I have Frank Klaus and Frank Mantell, two fine middleweights, booked for the main event in a fortnight and Mantell's manager is anxious to have me find an opponent for another of his boys. Bobby Tickle, for the semi-final. The card will draw well here and Kilbane can get himself a little extra dough. Do you think he'll accept?"

"I know he will," replied Billy Evans. "Send him a wire."

So Mooney wired Jimmy Dunn and two days later Dunn and Kilbane arrived in Boston. Kilbane, spic and span, dressed like a dude, walked up to Mooney and thanked Johnny for giving him an opportunity to show in the East.

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ON the night of the fight, Mooney was very much excited because Tickle failed to put in an appearance. He couldn't be located, so Mooney called in Dunn and Kilbane, told them of his trouble and said he had a bantam, Young Dyson of Providence, in the dressing room and if Kilbane would agree, Dyson, who that night scaled a featherweight, would gladly take Tickle's place.

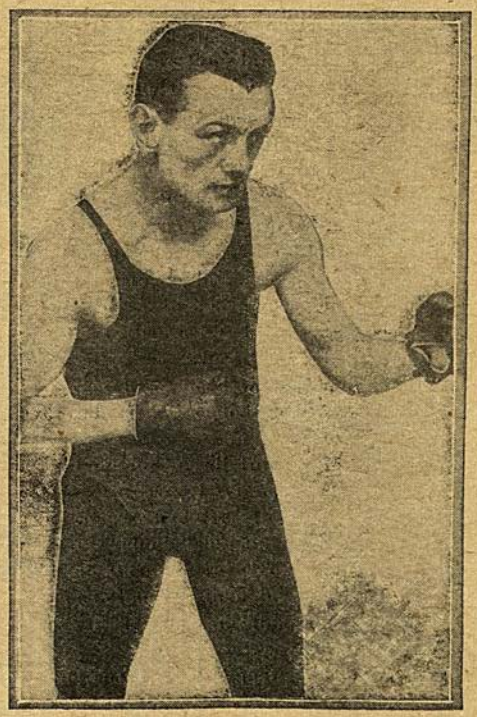
"But I'll warn you now," remarked Mooney, "this kid is one of the toughest in the East. He's no set-up for anyone. So if you want to take the chance, you can have it, but you don't have to."

Without hesitation, Kilbane replied:

"Mr. Mooney, I came East because I wanted that chance. I don't mind who you put against me. I'll take the fight."

Mooney was delighted and talking to the scribes he said: "It isn't often you meet that kind in this tough game."

The announcer called for the semi-windup. Into the ring walked a handsome, clean-cut, skinny looking boy to take his corner. It was Johnny Kilbane. He received some applause, but nothing like that given to the popular New England idol, Dyson.



Eugene Criqui, who annexed the feather crown by knocking out Johnny Kilbane.

The bell sounded. Dyson, a classy, shifty fighter with a terrific kick in either hand, sailed into his midwestern opponent. Dyson had been toppling over the boys right and left and he figured that in this skinny kid, he had a pushover. About a minute and a half of round one had

been completed, with Dyson unable to touch the clever Kilbane, when Mooney spied Tickle running down the aisle. He had started from his home in Pawtucket by auto and he had a breakdown that delayed his appearance in Boston by seven hours.

Mooney jumped over to the ringside and ordered the referee to stop the fight, something a promoter could get away with in those days. Then Tickle jumped over the ropes and the announcement was made that since he was Kilbane's rightful opponent and his delay was caused by an accident, Dyson agreed to give over his place to Tickle and the semi-windup got under way for the second time.

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IT was a peach of a scrap that kept the spectators applauding both lads, especially Kilbane for his cleverness. Johnny easily outscored Tickle and proved a pronounced hit. He displayed every asset of a good fighter, cleverness, jabbing, aggressiveness and headwork, and the next day the papers raved about the young Cleveland featherweight.

Such a hit did Kilbane make, that a few weeks later he was seen in action at the Armory A.A. again, this time against the popular Down East favorite, Al Delmont, then at the height of his career. Al was a great fighter, one of the nation's best and the New England scribes, almost to a man, condemned Mooney for feeding the skinny young Clevelander such a tough opponent. They figured that Delmont would annihilate Kilbane, but Dunn and Kilbane accepted the match and assured Mooney that he had made no mistake.

To the surprise of a packed house, for Delmont always drew capacity crowds in those days, Kilbane outboxed and outfought Delmont. Johnny was so shifty Al couldn't find him. Kilbane kept beating him to the punch and punished Delmont in round after round. Delmont was as tough as rawhide or he never would have lasted the route. The victory over Delmont, a fighter of national reputation, made Kilbane. It stamped him as a real championship contender.

By not waiting for Opportunity to come to him, but going out and grabbing it as Kilbane did by coming to Boston and agreeing to fight anybody regardless of the purse, Kilbane won the recognition that earned him the chance to tackle Abe Attell for the featherweight title. As history records, he won the crown in a great battle at Los Angeles on Washington's Birthday, 1912, a contest that went the limit of 20 rounds.

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AFTER he had won that title, Mooney, who wrote special boxing stories for me when I was Sports Editor of the New York *Telegram*, told me that he wired Kilbane asking him if he would fight Jimmy Walsh of Boston for the title. Walsh, in 1905, had won the world bantam championship by outpointing Digger Stanley at Chelsea, Mass., in 15 rounds but had outgrown the class and was now a legitimate featherweight.

Kilbane didn't forget that Mooney had given him the chance to become nationally famous and he wired back that he would entrain for Boston in three days. He did and when he got to the Hub, according to Mooney, this conversation ensued:

"Johnny," said Mooney, "I suppose that now that you've won the featherweight title, you'll want the State House to fight Walsh here. How about it?"

And this was Kilbane's reply:

"Mr. Mooney, you were my friend when I badly needed a helping hand. You gave me a start when all the matchmakers in the East wouldn't give me a tumble. They say fighters are ungrateful. I'm going to prove that they're not. Now I'm not going to fight this fellow Walsh for a song, and I know you don't expect me to. But I'll take anything you think is reasonable. You name the price and the fight is yours."

Mooney, in relating the story to me at the *Telegram* office, said, "You could have knocked me silly. I never heard such straightforward talk as that. I figured out what the fight would draw, then figured what I could give the fighters and showed Kilbane my tabulation."

"Fair enough," he replied. "The fight is yours for May 21. All I want, Mr. Mooney, is a fair break from the referee, and I hope you'll select one in whom you have faith. I'll trust the man you choose."

The match proved one of the biggest drawing cards Boston had in many moons. I was among those present to cover it for the New York *Press*, with which I was then associated. The fans stormed the club. It was a natural—Kilbane, the world feather king, against the popular local favorite, who was considered unbeatable—Jimmy Walsh. The house was a sellout. The cops, trying to keep order on the street, were swept aside by the throng.

For twelve rounds the tide of battle changed, first one and then the other taking command. It was a great duel between ring masters, a classic if ever there was one.

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IN the ninth round Walsh cut Kilbane's left eye with a right cross and the champ bled profusely. That cut saved the day for Walsh. The crowd took up the cry for him to finish Kilbane and when the twelfth and final round had ended, they yelled madly for the Hub contestant. But Referee Moffit Flaherty wasn't swayed. He gave it as he saw it and a just and good decision it was. He held up the hand of each and called it a draw. If anyone had the edge, I thought it was Kilbane, to whom I had given the verdict, but the Walsh rooters thought otherwise. They shouted that Walsh had been robbed.

Johnny Kilbane, who had a long reign as featherweight king.

Johnny Kilbane fought many famous battles and was in active competition for many years. I saw him in a number of his best fights, but never did I see him give a finer exhibition than against Jimmy Walsh. Among those who were his opponents in a long and honorable career, were Abe Attell, Jimmy Walsh, Gene Delmont, Johnny Dundee, Frankie Burns, Patsy Cline, Joe Mandot, Charley White, Richie Mitchell, Freddie Welch, Benny Leonard, Kid Williams, Rocky Kansas, George K.O. Chaney, Al Delmont, Monte Attell, Joe Rivers, Patsy Brannigan, Eddie O'Keefe, Kid Julian, Willie Houck, Mel Coogan and Frankie Fleming among scores of other good fighters and the only ones to make him take the count were Leonard, and Eugene Criqui, to whom he lost the championship in New York on June 2, 1923, in six rounds. He then retired after sixteen years of boxing to become a state legislator and now he is a referee in Cleveland and teaches boxing in a youth movement.

They came no better than Kilbane in boxing science.

NEWS *of the* MAT WORLD

By "STANLEY"

IN a recent issue of THE RING we published a letter written by Mr. Joe Carroll Marsh. This office has been swamped with messages ever since the March item reached the public. In answer to Mr. Marsh we now reprint two of these letters.

G.P.O. Box 304,
Suva,
FIJI ISLAND.
2nd January, 1948.

Dear Stanley:

I simply could not help writing, to point out the few errors made by Mr. Joe Carroll Marsh in the Reader's column of the November issue of THE RING. Mr. Marsh somehow has made his statement in haste. I wonder if he has read the following issues of THE RING: October, 1938, March, 1939, April, 1939, and March, 1941. If he has not, well I'll advise him to read it, and then form an opinion, after finding out the correct records and facts about the super-wrestlers of India.

Mr. Marsh must have got sore, because "Stanley" being an American, praised an Indian so much, to claim him as the best and greatest of wrestlers. Be a sport, Mr. Marsh, why not accept the facts as they come along. It is true that Gama did not meet Gotch, Hackenschmidt, Jenkins, or Burns, but it was no fault of Gama's that, when Hackenschmidt was asked to wrestle him in England, George "hit the trail" for America. And when Gotch was asked to meet the Indian he retired rather than to come to grips with Gama. Also when Gulam Mohiuddin went to America in 1911 to meet Gotch, the champ would not have any part of him and Gulam waited six months in Chicago, but in vain, but not so with Gama, he has NEVER DODGED an issue.

I also read in your letter that you can prove that Gama was beaten by Goonga, better known as Ferozuddin. Well Mr. Marsh your statement really makes me laugh, for it was not Gama, but his brother Imam Bux, who was beaten by Goonga at Kolhapur, but later on Goonga was flopped on three different occasions by Imam, their last match ended in a draw after 2½ hours in 1935.

Please do try and correct your opinion regarding the greatness of Gama. Gotch was great, no doubt, but he lacked the qualities which Gama has. Up to this writing, there isn't a wrestler's claim that he has got Gama off his feet, let alone pinning him.

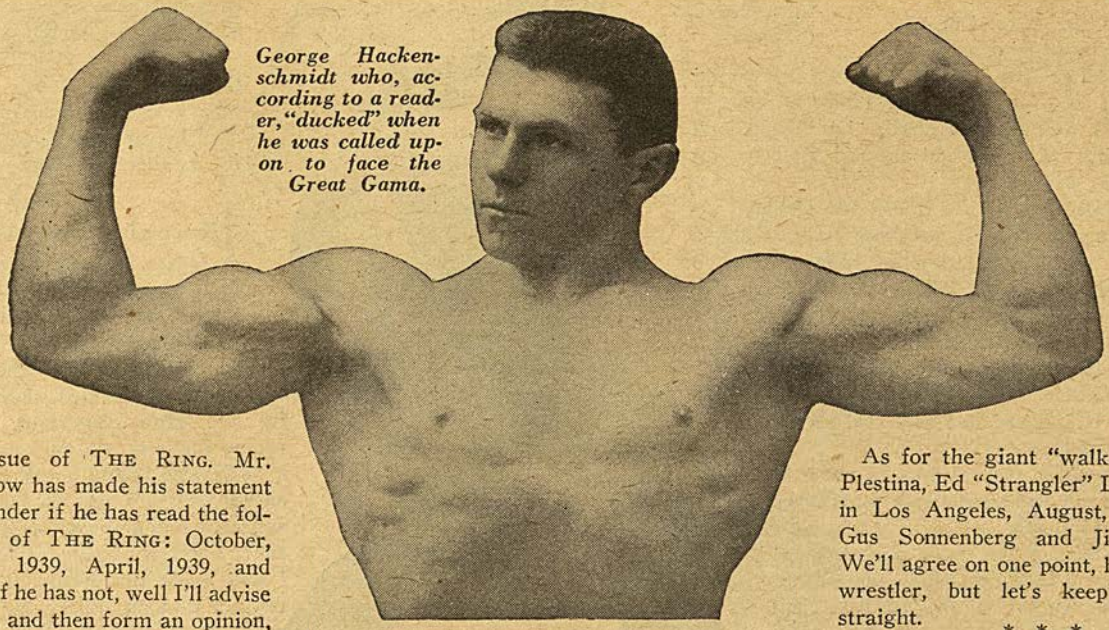
Had Gama and Gotch met, my money would have gone on Gama to win as EASILY as he has always won his matches. The world title claimants such as Londos, McCready, Pesek, Sherry, Marshall, and Orville Brown will be a soft touch for the wrestlers in India such as Imam Bux, Hamida Young Gama, Atu Khan, Sahabuddin, and Ala Bux.

If second-class wrestlers like Tiger Daula, Ram Singh, Jaget Singh, and minor wrestlers like Harnam Singh, Gauda Singh, and Fozal Mohammed can come out with flying colors in America, I wonder what Imam, Hamida and other first-class men will come out with . . . I wonder.

M. A. HANIF.

Here is Spider Mascall's answer to the letter of J. C. Marsh:

Has J. C. Marsh, ballyhooing Frank Gotch and Marin Plestina into immortality, forgotten that Fred Beall, a middleweight, and that "Farmer" Burns, Dan McLeod, Tom Jenkins, Jim Parr, Emil Maupaus, and Zbyszko also beat him?



George Hackenschmidt who, according to a reader, "ducked" when he was called upon to face the Great Gama.

As for the giant "walking mountain" Plestina, Ed "Strangler" Lewis beat him in Los Angeles, August, 1933, as did Gus Sonnenberg and Jim Browning. We'll agree on one point, he was a great wrestler, but let's keep the records straight.

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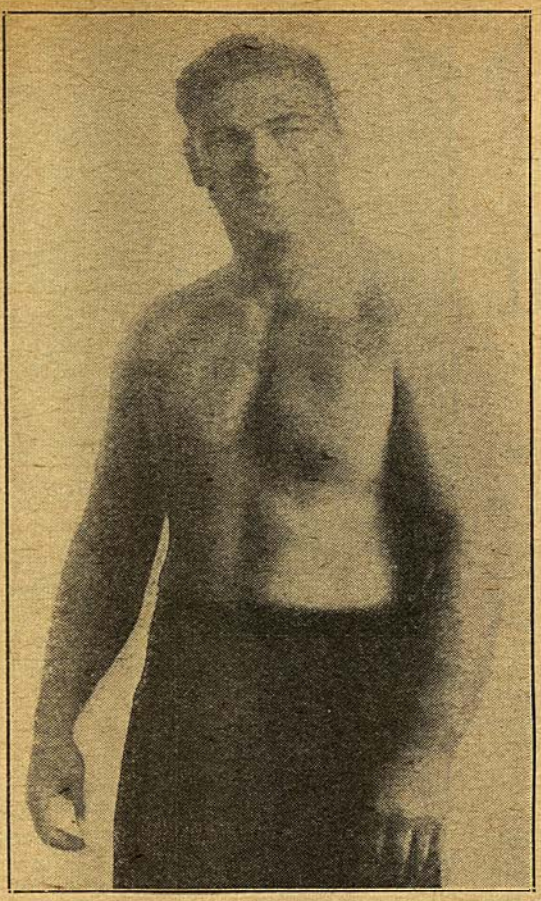
EUROPEAN wrestling news by Charles "Spider" Mascall follows:

With the Olympic Games just around the corner, many of the big stars of wrestling are heading for London for a glimpse. Johan Ritchtoff, himself twice heavyweight champion of the Games, arrives fresh from triumphs in Swedish and Continental tourneys. . . . Jack Sherry is expected as is Karl Pojello and Maurice "The Angel" Tillet. . . . Also coming is Chief Osley Saunooke, Nick Elitch, Steve Casey and brother Jim, Bob "Legs" Langevin, Canadian scissors-stylist.

In Italy wrestling is going over in a big fashion with celebs like Antonio Fusero, Raffaele Sabbadini, Leone Jacovacci, Pascal Ribola as the star attractions. George Demine, veteran European impresario, is key-man here.

In Paris, Paul Marton



Marin Plestina the "Walking Mountain."

holds the grappling reins. His latest importation is Stan Karoyli, pre-war favorite in France, back from an American tour. . . . At the Lime Groves Baths, London, Norman Morrell promotes the only show operating at present in the metropolitan area. His recent attractions included Dave Armstrong, The Farmer, Charlie Green, son of the old-time wrestler, Vic Hessle, the best wrestling prospect in England, Ed "Flash" Barker, Canadian from Edmonton, and Robert McDonald, a Scottish light-heavyweight. Morrell is a former amateur champion and really loves the sport he promotes.

In Liverpool, William Bankier, doyen of promoters, is the promoter. His wrestling shows always pack 'em in. His grappling goes back to the days of Hackenschmidt when he was known as "Apollo."

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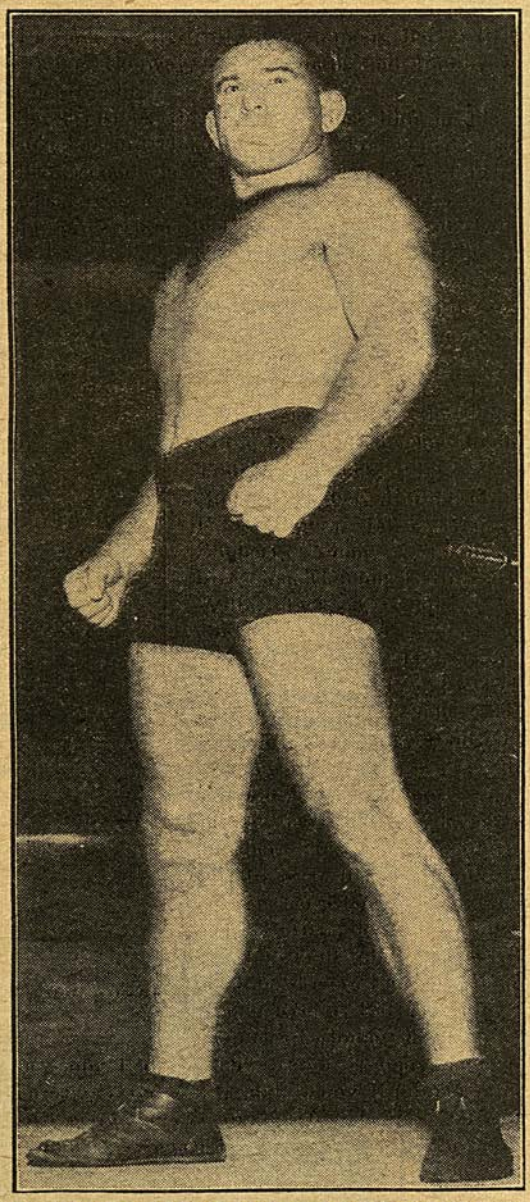
WRESTLING NEWS from Hawaii by Ted Yamachika, follows:

The return of Ted (Tiger) Travis to Honolulu shores has added new interest to the wrestling game here. Travis, holder of the Hawaiian title, returned after a successful tour of the mainland and immediately went into action against Ivan Kameroff. The bout was a rough and tumble affair with Travis getting the only fall of the evening with a leg twist. Ted had to call on all his strength and stamina to keep his younger opponent from gaining the equalizing fall and the Hawaiian title-holder had a preview of the kind of opposition he'll be facing in the near future.

Ted's leading challengers are Pantaleon Manlapig from California, New Yorker Maurice Chappelle, Ivan Kameroff, the handsome Russian strongman, Julius LaRance of Canada, Ali Hassen, Turkish rough and ready grappler, Jack Sherry, Jacque Manuel, the Portuguese hero, cunning Ben Sherman and Tony Felice.

A championship bout with Ted Travis pitting his strength against Pantaleon Manlapig would be the greatest drawing match at the present time. Pantaleon has been defeated only once, by Pete Peterson, whom he beat in a return engagement, and is running out of opponents, having defeated nearly all the top rankers now in Honolulu. Moreover he has one of the biggest followings here and whenever he wrestles, his Filipino countrymen come from miles around to see him perform.

Incidentally Champion Travis has been defeated only once here and that defeat came in a non-title bout against Leo Wallick. He evened the score in a return bout and he hasn't been on the losing end since. Also or bye the bye, Travis and flyweight contender Dado Marino are the best of pals. It is a familiar sight around Honolulu golf courses to see the large and small of it, as they are known, teeing off together. 'Tis claimed flyweight Dado always outdrives heavyweight Travis.



Jack Sherry, the world traveler, who has shown up in Honolulu.

Jack Sherry made his debut here by taking the measure of Julius LaRance. A straight wrestler, Sherry displayed a great all-around ability which stamps him as a very hard man to beat. The latest report is that Promoter Al Karasick is bringing Ed (Strangler) Lewis back to Honolulu to match him against Jack Sherry. It is a known fact that Sherry has been trying to oppose Lewis for years, but hasn't been able to catch up with him.

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A recent New York State Athletic Commission statement for the year 1947 showed that wrestling receipts advanced over 1946 while the money intake for boxing decreased. Interesting, to say the least.

Promoters claim that television broadcasts tend to make new mat fans who eventually make a trip to the clubs in person. We have watched many matches via the air-waves, but being at the ringside has no substitute. Incidentally, Sam Taub is back on the air. He broadcasts wrestling for television at New York clubs.

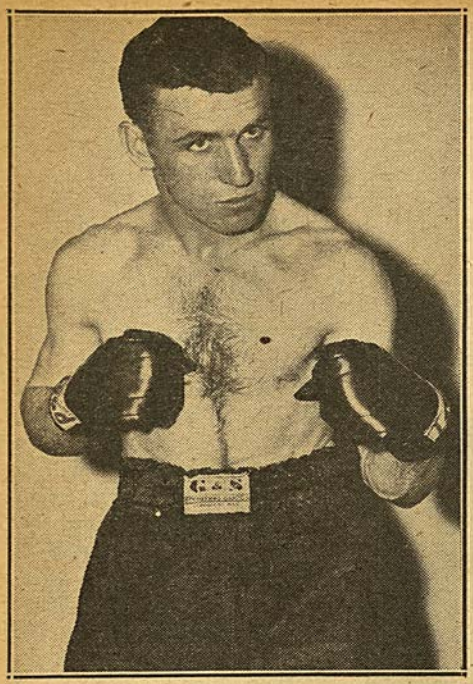
Londos is back to grab some more money. Galento, Sexton and big Primo Carnera are still tops at the gate.

In a recent issue of THE RING we stated that George Temple had decided to give up wrestling. That report came from reliable sources. However, we note that Mr. Temple has changed his mind and is back in action. We are happy to have him back. His type is a tonic.

The Super Swedish Angel, who in reality is the three hundred and fifty pound Tor Johnson, is now displaying his talents before New York mat fans. Dave Levin is one veteran who has not put on that beefy appearance so common to men who have been wrestling for over a decade. Dave still has that powerful physical makeup and smooth lines that made the fans gasp in amazement in the 1930's. In our opinion Dave Levin is one of the finest mat stars in the business today.

In the Fistic Spotlight

By JACK ROBERTS



Irish Johnny Rowe, Rochester welter.

IRISH JOHNNY ROWE

ROCHESTER, N. Y., the optical city, has its eye on a young leather swapper, Irish Johnny Rowe. Johnny has broken no records as a knockout artist nor has he piled up an impressive list of wins, but he has proved that he is a crowd pleaser and can be depended upon to give the fans their money's worth whenever he puts 'em up.

Rowe started out as a lightweight and has grown into a welterweight. His manager, Sam Porcelli, thinks that Johnny is ready to really start moving now that he is matured and has gained his full strength and stature.

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VERN LESTER

VERN LESTER is a Negro leather pusher from San Francisco who competed under the sobriquet of Top Row Jimmy Allen while boxing on the coast.

A middleweight, Lester doesn't have an imposing record, but he has defeated Nick Kashuba (twice) and Clarence Wilkinson at Madison Square Garden, New York, in bouts that were crowd-pleasers and showed Vern to be a good body puncher and an exponent of aggressive ring tactics.

Lester is a good club fighter who is managed by Joe Garfield.

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HOWARD TODOME

HOWARD TODOME, rugged middleweight from Anadarko, Oklahoma, the Indian capital of the world, is winning his place in the hearts of California fight fans with his sock-'em, rock-'em style of milling.

Prior to his joining the fight for pay ranks, Howard had earned quite a reputation for himself as a simon-pure in Missouri, where he was runner-up for both the 1946 State Golden Gloves and A.A.U. titles.

This transplanted, crowd-pleasing, Indian club fighter is managed by Thomas B. Harris, Oklahoma sportsman, and is trained by Larry Zagar of Aliquippa, Pa.

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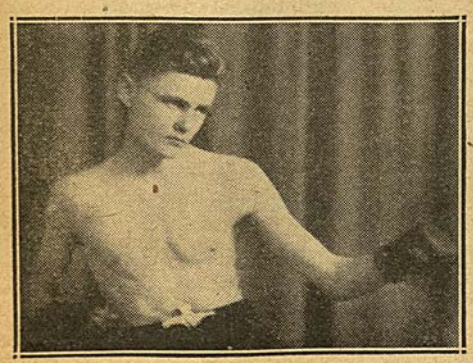
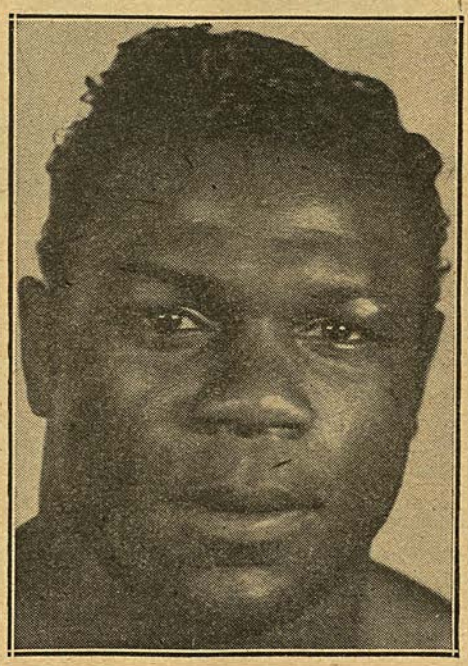
WALTER HOULDEN

FOR years, Mike Keegan of Granite Falls, Minn., has been a subscriber to THE RING, and an ardent follower of boxing activities all over the world. But Mike's interest in things fistic has of late developed a more personal touch. A nephew of his in England has been doing all right for himself in the roped arena, and Mike's enthusiasm is beginning to really go places.

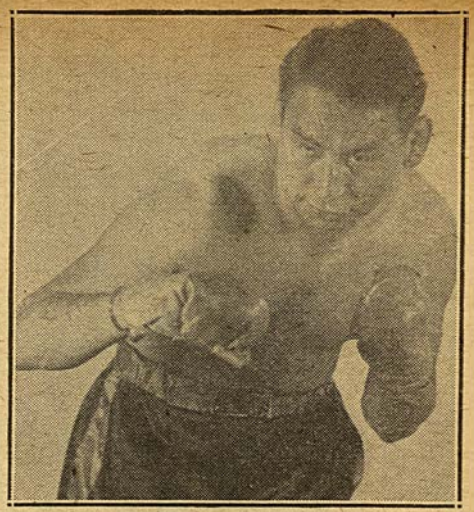
The young man in question, Walter Houlden, is only 17, and boxing professionally less than a year, but already he has begun to attract something more than casual attention from British boxing authorities. Houlden, who hails from Sheffield, is a bantamweight, but growing rapidly, and probably will develop eventually into a lightweight or welterweight.



Walter Houlden, Sheffield, Eng., bantam.



Vern Lester, San Francisco middleweight.



Howard Todome, Indian middleweight from Oklahoma.

In his first eight bouts, Walter knocked out seven of his opponents, and that's pretty fair punching in any league. Okay, Mike Keegan, we'll keep an interested eye on Nephew Walter. He seems to be a young man really going places.

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EARL TURNER

UNTIL he appeared on a recent Madison Square Garden card, Earl Turner was practically an unknown to New York boxing fans. But the flashy California welterweight turned in such a rousing battle with Bobby Mann in one of the bouts supporting the Maxim-Tandberg affair that he promises to become a popular attraction with Gotham's fistic fraternity.

Until his Garden showing, Turner's only previous appearance in the East was in

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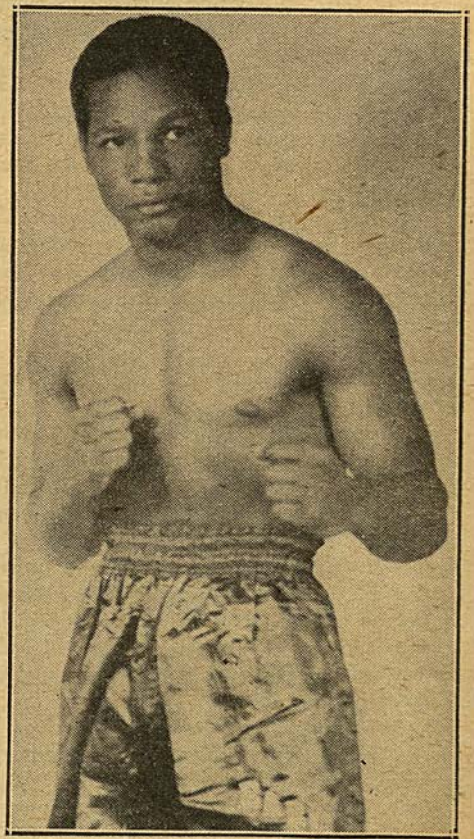
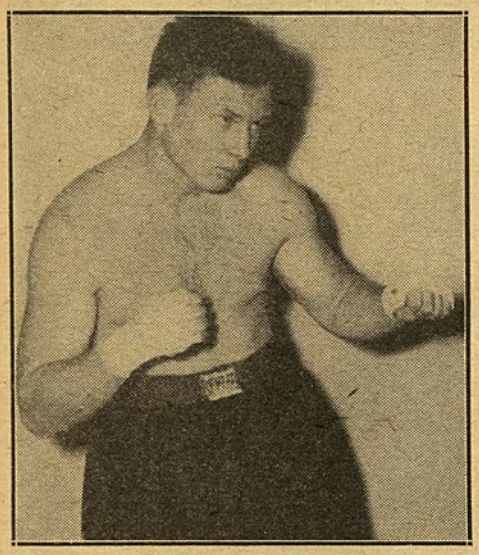


Earl Turner, Richmond, California, welterweight.

NEW FACES

By HARVEY BRIGHT



Vern Mitchell, 20-year-old heavyweight from Detroit, who has been nicknamed "the blond bomber" by hopeful Detroit fans.

VERN MITCHELL

DETROIT has been heavyweight conscious since the emergence of Joe Louis from the Ford Company to the heavyweight championship of the world. In every Detroitian breast lingers the fond hope that from within their city will come the successor to the "Great Joe." There has been little in the way of pugilistic talent to nourish that hope. However, there have been a few youngsters who show promise and may with sufficient experience make the grade.

Such a leather swapper is Vern Mitchell, who first saw the light of day in Detroit in June of 1927 and almost before he had ceased teething, so it seemed, was putting on the gloves. He was the champion of his neighborhood and at the tender age of 15 donned the gloves in a more formal way as a simon pure. He fought 35 bouts as an amateur, and won 29 of these battles.

At this point in his life Vern discovered that he could use some additional lucres and so at 17 he turned pro. Sixteen straight kayoes and then he was drafted into Uncle Sam's family in 1945. Two years later, with his discharge signed, Mitchell, once again took up his career of beak busting, and his record to date is thirty-two contests with thirty victories.

His two defeats were suffered at the hands of Leo Matriciani and Art Swiden, both competent mittmen.

THE RING picked Mitchell as a prospect of the month early in his career and the lad so far has lived up to predictions.

He is managed by Julius Biazza.

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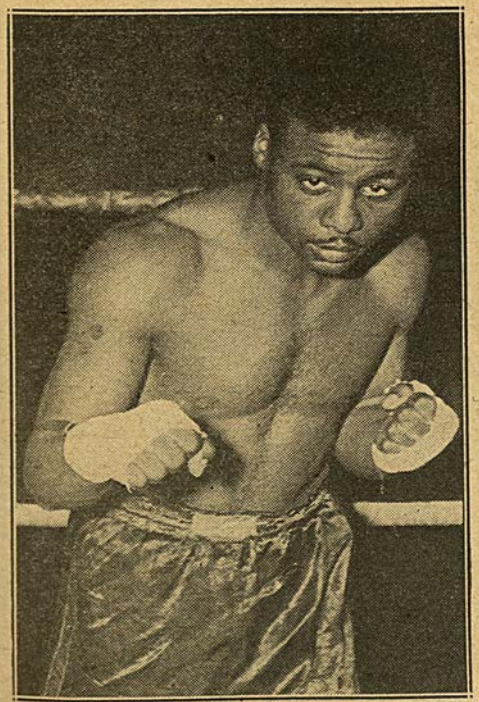

Tommy Stenhouse, Buffalo, New York, lightweight.

ART SWIDEN

IT'S an old story—the survival of the fittest. Six foot one inch tall, Art Swiden was living in a YMCA and faring on a very meagre diet.

One day, while visiting his brother, who was stationed at Jefferson barracks, he meandered into a St. Louis gym and was standing around when the trainer of a Golden Gloves team strolled over and offered to give him a tryout. He did—the result—he was entered in the 175-pound class and, although he only weighed 160, he breezed through the competition to cop the title. During the tournament he lived on peanuts and for his final prize he received a watch. A short while later he won the Missouri State simon-pure crown and ended up with enough change to buy one good meal.

A few more amateur bouts went by the board and then Art turned professional. He has been coming ever since. With 18 contests engaged in Swiden has lost but two; those to Tommy Stewart and Sylvester Perkins. He has taken the measure of Jack Itzel, J. D. Harvey, Jim Russell, Slim Gravetto, Eddie Cross, Lou King, Chet Esmont and Rango Harris among others.

Only 19, Art has only one mission in life —to bash beaks. Filling out fast, the Kensington, Pa., lad believes that he will be a 190-pounder before long, and he'll fight any of them. He has it all figured out. "It's a case of knowing when to stick, when to move, and when to punch, plus having a good sock and being able to take a solid biff, and I can do all that."

His manager is Bunny Buntag.

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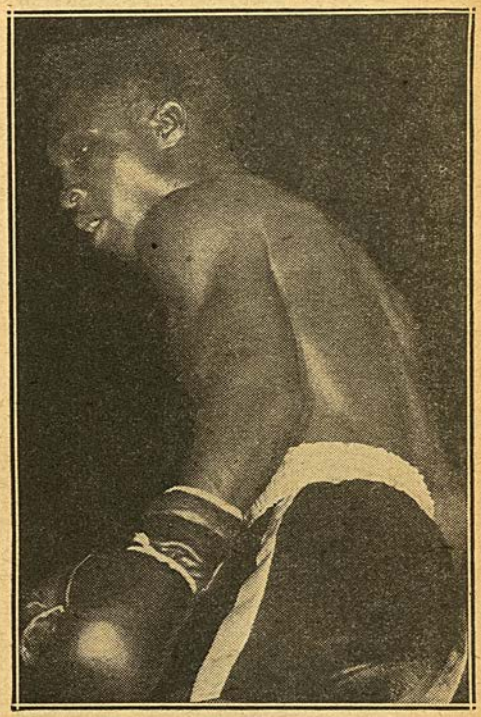
JOHN L. DAVIS

OAKLAND, Calif., was the scene of an embroglio between the leading contender for the lightweight crown, Enrique Bolanos and John L. Davis. Bolanos won the duke as expected but the surprise of the evening was the first-round knockdown of



John L. Davis whose fight with Enrique Bolanos has given him a niche in the lightweight division.

Bolanos and the lead held by Davis at the end of the fifth round. The 21-year-old Negro youngster, who wasn't given a ghost of a chance, held a commanding lead at the beginning of the sixth. Then he ran out of gas and took six blows for every one he landed, to give Enrique the remainder of the rounds and the fight.

As has often come to pass, an unknown rocketed to the fore by virtue of his display of fistic talent in one bout. So it was with Davis, who with only 12 professional fights behind him has become a name to be

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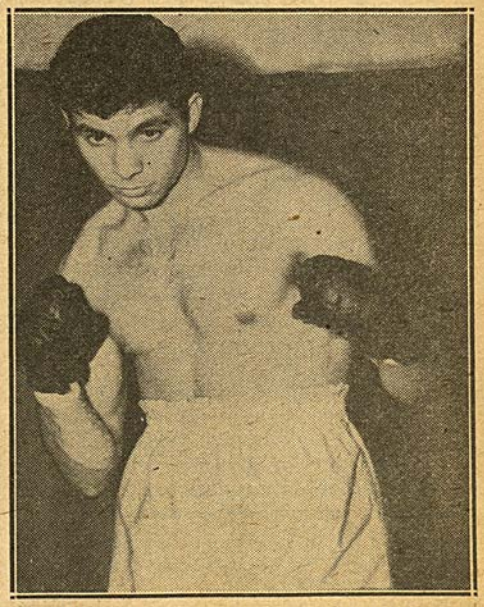
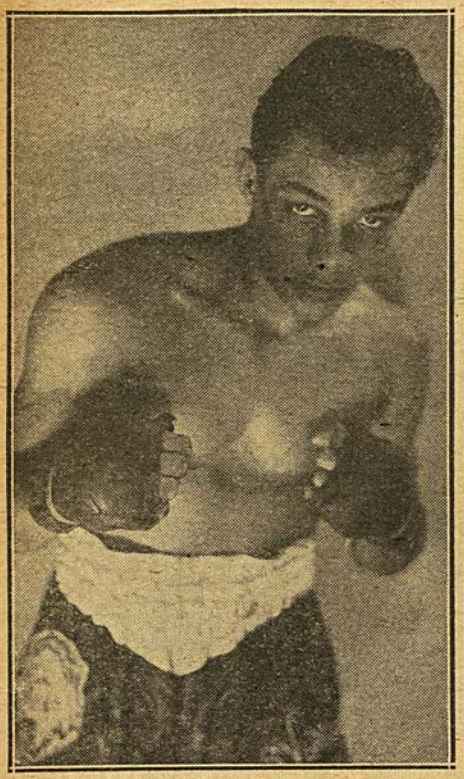


Nineteen and only one mission in his life; Art Swiden wants to bash beaks.

The ETERNAL HUNT!

By ART COLLINS



Simon Vegara, Panamanian 130 pounder, has been doing well against American opposition.

THE eternal hunt of boxing promoters and managers for "new faces" leads to all quarters of the globe.

One never knows where a future champion may be discovered. He may come from the congested streets of New York, or the rice paddies of the Philippines. He may spring from the rolling plains of the Argentine pampas, or the rugged mining centers of Montana.

Boxing talent is not confined to any one clime, or any one race. It is world-wide in scope, and the individual's background and environment have little to say about its development.

Before launching their fistic careers, Jim Corbett was a bank clerk in San Francisco; Stanley Ketchel a honky-tonk bouncer in Butte; Jack Johnson a stevedore in Galveston; Jack Dempsey a restless knight of the dusty road; Gene Tunney a stenographer in a New York steamship office; Primo Carnera a circus strong man touring the small-time European circuits; Joe Louis a laborer in a Detroit auto plant.

It was only a few years ago that boxing was practically unknown across the far reaches of North Africa. Today, two of France's possessions on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea are sponsoring a pair of the ring's most accomplished ring artists. Marcel Cerdan, of Morocco, is recognized as one of the outstanding contenders for the world middleweight title. Mustapha Mustaphaoui, of Algeria, has established himself as a dangerous bidder for the world flyweight championship.

Mustaphaoui recently capped a brilliant European campaign by whipping the veteran Emile Famechon for the vacant French 112-pound title. Previously, the tiny but rugged Algerian had beaten such good Continentals as Rene Megret and Georges (Mickey) Mousse of France, Luis Fernandez of Spain, Berdardinelli of Italy, and Van Houche of Belgium.

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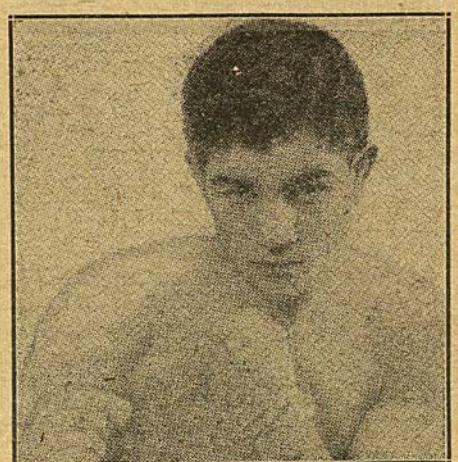
WHILE flyweights have become practically extinct as big-time attractions in American rings, they continue to thrive in other sections of the world, particularly in the European theatre of fistic operations.

The world title has been something of an exclusive British possession for more than a decade. In succession, it has been held by Benny Lynch of Scotland, Peter Kane of England, and Jackie Paterson of Scotland. Currently, there is a dispute over the championship between Paterson and Ireland's Rinty Monaghan.

If and when the Paterson-Monaghan argument is settled, the ultimate winner will not have to go beyond Britain's shores for serious opposition. The tight little isle continues to come up with outstanding mites. One of the best of the more recent developments is Dickie O'Sullivan, of the Finsbury Park section of London.

O'Sullivan was a good amateur before the war, but had no idea of boxing professionally when he enlisted in the British Navy, and was sent to Australia. But Dickie was planning to be married upon his return to England, and one doesn't become wealthy on Navy pay. So the youngster, during his stay in Sydney, thought it a good idea to pick up a few extra shillings by taking an occasional bout ashore. He did so well in his few fights Down Under that he decided to carry on his boxing when he was discharged.

In the last two years O'Sullivan has fought his way to the top brackets of Britain's flyweights. Among his victories have been knockouts of Jimmy Gill, Billy Davies, Alf Hughes and Jimmy Thompson, and decisions over Charley Squire, Emile Famechon and the former European champion, Raoul Degryse of Belgium.



Mustapha Mustaphaoui, French-Algerian, who rates highly among the featherweights.

Dickie O'Sullivan, London flyweight star, who is one of England's brightest prospects.

HE probably never will scale the championship heights in the world competition, but one of the most popular performers in Britain is Gwyn Williams, pleasing Welsh welterweight, who can invariably be relied upon to give the fans a real run for their money. A strong, rugged, willing mixer, and a fairly robust puncher with either fist, Williams is what would be known along Jacobs Beach as a "club fighter."

Gwyn recently lost a decision to the cagey veteran, Ernie Roderick, in a battle for the British welterweight title, and he also has been outpointed by the European champion, Robert Villemain of France, but among his victories have been knockouts of such opponents as Willie Whyte, Scottish champion; Reg Hoblyn, Billy Stevens and Danny McKay, and a decision over the highly touted Finn, Yrgo Piitulainen.

It isn't often that Panama is heard from in international boxing circles, but every once in a while the Isthmus contributes something better than ordinary to the prize ring.

One of the most competent Panamanians of all time was lanky Al Brown, who went on to become bantamweight champion of the world.

Davey Abad, also a bantam, was another

fine ringster from the Canal Zone. The first decision Tony Canzoneri ever lost was to Abad in Brooklyn.

One of the best of Panama's current developments is a 130-pounder named Simon (Monchi) Vegara, who has confined his American campaigning so far to California rings. Though he has been beaten there by Alfredo Escobar and Maxie Docusen, Simon also has run off some fine victories. One of them was a decision over Harold Dade. Others have been knockouts of Jackie Wilson and Richie Mendoza.

Before coming to the United States, Vegara compiled an impressive string of triumphs in his native Panama. A vicious puncher, he flattened ten of his twelve opponents, and was awarded decisions over the only two boys to go the route with him, Sammy Medina and Ernest Aguilar.

En route here, Vegara stopped off in Havana long enough to lose to the Cuban featherweight champion, Miguel Acevedo.

One thing that must be said for Vegara—he may not win 'em all, but when he does lose, it takes a mighty good fighter to beat him!

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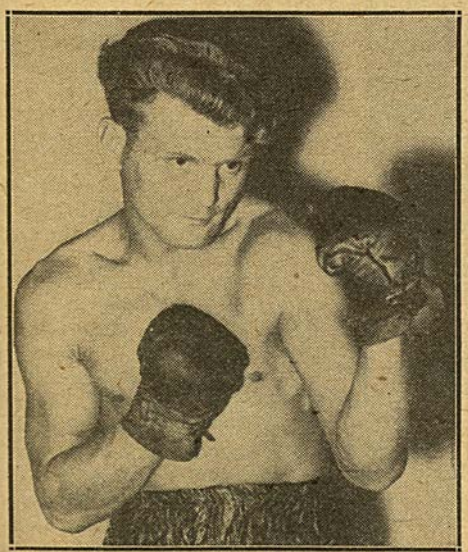
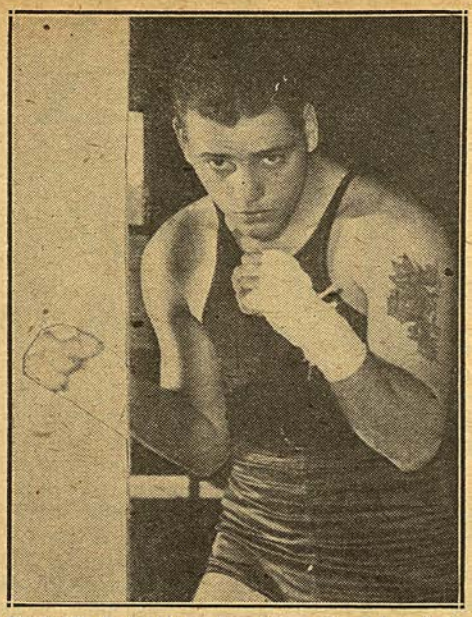
A LAD touted as a likely headliner in future middleweight competition is 19-year-old Carl (Bobo) Olson, who operates out of Honolulu, is recognized as Hawaii's 160-pound champion, and at present is campaigning in the Philippines.

Considering his youth and the comparatively short time he has been tossing leather, Olson has come along in spectacular fashion. In 30 outings so far, he has suffered only two defeats—and has wiped out both of them in return engagements. Carl had run off 24 straight wins before he dropped his first decision. Experienced Georgie Duke, imported to Honolulu from California, proved a bit too ringwise for him. But Olson learned enough of Duke's style in that bout to whip Georgie in their second meeting.

The other setback in the youngster's record was registered in Manila, where the Filipino champion, Boy Brooks, edged out a decision over him. But again Carl proved his ability to profit from defeat, and in an encore engagement he dropped Brooks twice to win the verdict.



Rugged Welsh welterweight, Gwyn Williams, is a popular performer with British fans.



Carl (Bobo) Olson has Hawaiian ring followers envisioning middleweight title for the fast coming youngster.

Among Olson's other performances so far have been decisions over such opponents as Candy McDaniels, Leroy Wade and Paul Lewis, a rugged assortment of seasoned campaigners for a youngster to whip.

Carl is handled by Charley Miller, of Honolulu, who also manages David Kui Kong Young, the Chinese-Hawaiian bantam star.

Whether or not Olson will remain in the middleweight ranks very much longer seems doubtful. Carl still is growing, and has been finding it increasingly difficult to make the class limit, 160 pounds. He has the frame of a light-heavyweight, and in another year or two, if he continues to improve with experience, he is apt to find himself bidding for serious recognition as a contender for the 175-pound championship.

Mustapha Mustaphaoui, of Algeria . . . Dickie O'Sullivan, of England . . . Gwyn Williams, of Wales . . . Simon Vegara, of Panama . . . Carl Olson, of Honolulu . . .

What was it Kipling said about East being East, and West being West, and Never the Twain Shall Meet?

Old Kip didn't know much about the boxing business in those days. For this is one sport, deservedly rated No. 1 on the international athletic front, where there is NO East, nor West, nor North, nor South, when it comes to outstanding talent. You can find it anywhere.

Action, Not Words, Needed

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1—That the District Attorney's office refused to accept Rocky's offer to try to point out the would-be bribers.

2—That actually, the D. A.'s office hadn't even sent out police to try to pick up the attempted fixer.

After that, came a continuing stream from Hogan condemning boxing generally. The prosecutor made with words like "underworld characters," and "fixes," and "undercover managers" and so forth almost to the point of jingoism. At that time, remember, there was no law prohibiting undercover managers.

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ALMOST daily, Hogan's office hauled this or that fight figure into his office or before the grand jury. The D. A. mentioned names like Frankie Carbo, admittably a controlling factor in the doings of several fighters, and Jimmy Doyle (which is another name for Jimmy Pulmieri) and fight managers Tommy Dio, nephew of Doyle, and Sammy Aaronson, Dio's associate, among others. But these men had been known in the fight business—openly—long before Hogan brought their names into his probe. And after he named them, he not only failed to take any action against them, but up to now hasn't said they broke any law in connection with boxing.

Even at the Boxing Writers' dinner, Hogan continued to mention them. He made a particular point, too, of Blinky Palermo, manager of lightweight champion Ike Williams and light-heavyweight contender Billy Fox, bringing out Blinky's arrest record, calling him "a rogue," and contending he was the lottery boss of Pennsylvania.

"He had me blushing," said Palermo, who is no shrinking violet. "Fourteen years ago, I served two months for a lottery charge. The Governor of Pennsylvania has given me a full pardon. Here it is, I'm carrying it in my pocket. What kind of a boss does that make me?"

Leon Rains, Pennsylvania's boxing commissioner, pooh-poohed Hogan's contentions with:

"He's trying to make some political capital cheaply."

Now, there are, no doubt, some wrong folks in boxing, and some evils going on. No one wants it cleared up more than the boxing writers and the hundreds of honest men who make up the majority of the sport.

"But," as Eddie Eagan put it, "I'm a lawyer, and I've seen lawyers sent to jail, and doctors and leading businessmen, too."

Then, since he was the boxing writers' guest, he hastened to add:

"Come to think of it, I've never seen a newspaperman convicted of anything—yet."

And, finally, he hurled at Hogan:

"If the District Attorney has anything on anybody—if he has found any crime committed by any man in boxing—then, for Heaven's sake, let him act! Let him indict the criminal and bring him to justice."

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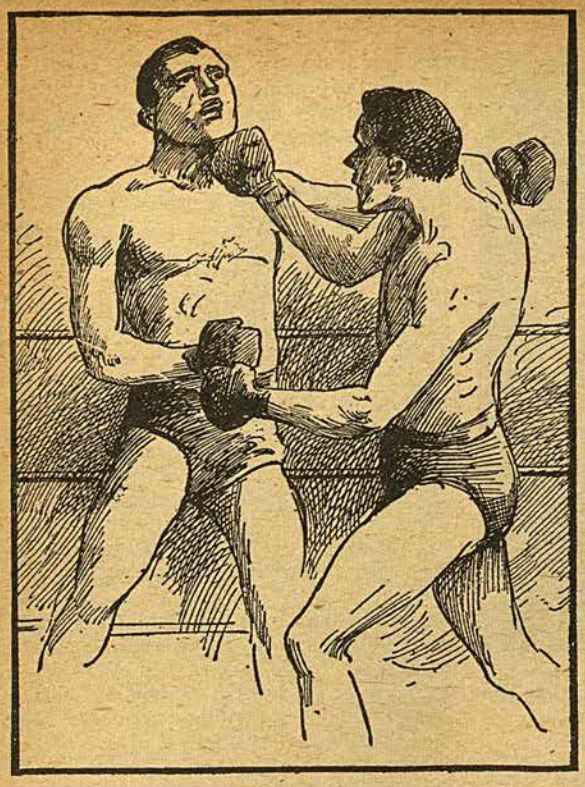


TALES *from* The Past

By THE SPORTSMAN

BILLY McCARNEY has always had a soft place in his heart for Boston and he often recalls when he was among the foremost amateur lightweights of his time, and one of the principals in a contest at the Boston A.A. This was when he battled the late Con Hardigan four rounds, with the going so even that the judges could not agree and the fight went on record as a draw. This was one of the very few times in amateur boxing that such a verdict was rendered, as the A.A.U. does not permit draw decisions.

McCarney later became a manager of boxers and was associated with the old Kensington A.C., of Philadelphia, his home city. It was there that Snyder fought and the match between Pluto, the Australian, and Fairburn took place, as well as many other bouts with famous fighters participating.

Billy has always been a likable chap, with a superb sense of humor. He has taken many a tough break with a grin, and in the time that I have known him he has been on the verge of winning many a fortune only to have the whimsical gods of destiny step in at the eleventh hour and by a twist of fate nullify his gains.

Possibly the bitterest dose was the unfortunate death of Luther McCarty, who died following a bout with Arthur Pelkey of Calgary at a time when he was matched to box Jack Johnson and had a fine chance of winning.

By a peculiar coincidence I was in Chicago at the time the details of that match were arranged and was present in the room of a hospital there with Jack Curley, McCarney and McCarty. Johnson had given Curley power of attorney.

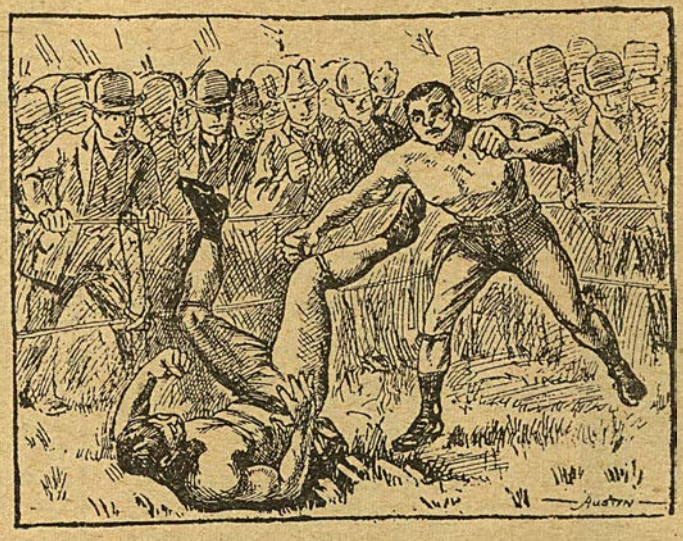
This was in early April, and the details agreed upon for a fight to take place at Las Vegas, N. M., the following Fourth of July. Johnson had been seriously sick with pneumonia shortly before and had not fully recovered his strength. It was on this that McCarney and McCarty banked on helping them to recover the championship to the White race.

It was agreed that for the time being the inner details of the match be kept quiet, so as to steam the thing up. McCarty was to start a nation-wide campaign, and when the proper time came after enough bally-hooing the announcement was to be made that the match had been arranged.

McCarty and McCarney showed at the Howard, fought several bouts in New York and then went westward, picking up some easy money, and a lot of reputation by the manner in which he disposed of his opponents.

Luther was as handsome a youth as ever adorned the prize ring and his fine style and personality won him tremendous popularity everywhere. Carrying, as he did, the hope of the white race he was a great attraction and was in big demand everywhere.

Pelkey was another white hope, but few considered him as a serious contender, although he was a terrific puncher. McCarty and Arthur met at Calgary on May 24, the Queen's birthday, before a holiday crowd that taxed the capacity of the arena. The story of that fight has been told several times in THE RING. A clip from Pelkey's right broke McCarty's neck and the young aspirant to the world's championship died shortly after.



Jim Flynn, the Pueblo fireman, then a husky battler, took McCarty's place against Johnson, but was beaten handily by the big black.

So McCarney's chance to become a manager of a world's title holder passed away.

Later Billy got the rights to the Johnson-Jeffries pictures as the personal representative of Tex Rickard, and another fortune was in sight, when a Federal law was passed making the transportation of picture films illegal and again Billy lost out. Then came his hotel venture at Toledo at the time of the Dempsey-Willard battle when the sports refused to stand for paying $10 per night for the privilege of sleeping with two others, and another chance for a big clean-up went "flooey."

Billy, however, could always get over his bumps and pop up smiling. His latest venture which finally proved profitable to him was the tour he arranged for Joe Louis to Central and South America.

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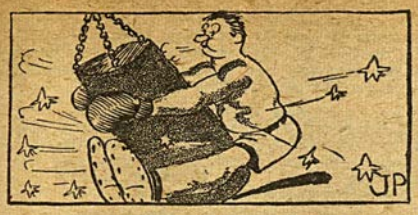
JOE LOUIS'S next battle with Jersey Joe Walcott will mark the twenty-fifth time that the heavyweight champion has stepped out in defense of his title since he took the crown from Jim Braddock in 1937. This unique record was never equalled by any of his predecessors on the throne de luxe of fistiana.

John L. Sullivan won the heavyweight championship under London Prize Ring rules, with bare knuckles by kayoing Paddy Ryan on February 7, 1882. During the following eight years he scored nineteen victories with the gloves, none of his opponents lasting over four rounds, failed to stop Tug Wilson in a four-rounder, and boxed two draws of four and six rounds respectively, with Duncan McDonald and Patsy Cardiff. In the Cardiff bout, "John L." broke his right arm at an early stage of the proceedings, and finished with only one hand in commission.

It should be noted, however, that in addition to these recorded victories, Sullivan, during his famous nine months' tour of the United States in 1883, met all comers with the padded mitts, offering $1,000 to any man who could stand up to him for four rounds. No official count was ever kept of the number of opponents he disposed of. But nobody won that stipulated one grand, and it is known that over fifty pugs tried and failed.

But in those days the Queensberry glove bouts were only side issues, so to speak.



Ring titles in every class were only recognized when won with the knuckles, under the London Prize Ring rules. So, technically, Sullivan's first defense of his title was when he fought a 39-round draw with Charley Mitchell of England, at Chantilly, France, on March 10, 1888.

One naturally wonders what would have happened had Sullivan been knocked out in one of his glove combats. Would the victor have been hailed as champion, or would he have been compelled to fight it out with the bare knuckles against Sullivan in order to make good his claim to the title?

There's no telling, but one fact stands out. The first time "John L." staked his title in a match with gloves, under Queensberry rules, the terror of the prize ring was knocked out by young Jim Corbett at New Orleans, on September 7, 1892, in twenty-one rounds.

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CORBETT was the first Queensberry champion. Nearly a year and five months elapsed before he defended his title, by knocking out Charley Mitchell, on January 25, 1894. A little over three years later, his second title-defense resulted in his being kayoed by Bob Fitzsimmons, on March 17, 1897.

Besides these two battles his only ring appearances, covering a period of four years and a half, were in a four-round bout with Tom Sharkey and what was really an exhibition sparring contest with a practically unknown boxer named Peter Courtney, before the Edison Kinetescope, one of the early moving picture machines. Incidentally, Corbett was so roughed about by Sharkey that the champ came dangerously near collapsing in the ring, as he was out of condition, and hadn't expected such hard going.

Fitzsimmons took advantage of the precedent established by Corbett, whereby a heavyweight king indulged in a long spell of idleness. Bob nursed his title carefully, and did not figure in a genuine ring contest until June 9, 1899, when he was flattened by Jeffries. Thus the lanky wonder loafed in royal luxury for nearly two years and four months.

Big Jim Jeffries didn't take things so easily, for in less than five months after whipping Fitz, he gave Tom Sharkey a shot at the title. Sharkey was beaten in twenty-five hard, gruelling rounds at Coney Island, on November 3, 1899. The year following saw Jeff go to the post twice, outing Jack Finnegan in a round, and kayoing Jim Corbett in twenty-three rounds. Finnegan was a fistic "nobody," so the Corbett bout alone could be rated as a title-defense.

In 1901, Jeff defeated Hank Griffin, Joe Kennedy and Gus Ruhlin, and in 1902 stopped Fitzsimmons in a return match, Bob taking the count in the tenth. A second match with Corbett resulted in Jeffries scoring a ten-round knockout. This was the champion's only ring appearance in 1903 in a regular contest, except for a four-round exhibition with Jack Munroe, a Butte miner.

Because Jeffries didn't knock out Munroe on that occasion, the Butte heavyweight was ballyhooed into a title-match with the champion, but proved an easy victim for Jeff, who kayoed him in two rounds before a San Francisco club on August 26, 1904. Jeffries then retired undefeated. During his reign as champion he fought eight times in defense of his crown.

That's quite a contrast to the twenty-four title-defense score of Joe Louis to date. But it must be remembered that the reason Jeffries failed to fight oftener was because of lack of fitting opponents, whereas Mike Jacobs has had no trouble in snaring pugs for the Brown Bomber to practice sleep-wallops on.

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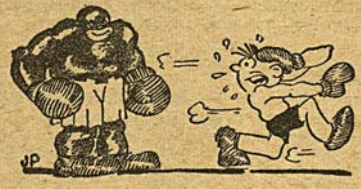
BETWEEN December 27, 1908, and April 5, 1915, the days on which Jack Johnson won the heavyweight title from Tommy Burns and lost it to Jess Willard in Havana, a strange and thoroughly bizarre interval called the White Hope period existed in world boxing. It was especially hectic in the United States, with accent on old Dixie, where the fact that a

Negro was reigning king of fisticuffs, was more than repugnant to the majority of its ring cognoscenti.

No story of heavyweight competition would be complete without a thorough analysis of this White Hope interlude. There were many angles to be examined in this seven-year stretch which saw Johnson rule and so many whites resent his supremacy.

On June 22, 1937, Joe Louis, our second Negro heavyweight champion, came to the throne and his fistic qualities long have been recognized. When he took the title, comparatively few followers of boxing said, "This is deplorable! Another Negro title holder! We have got to go out and find a white fighter who can stop Louis. The supremacy of the white race is vital even in the ring." Why? Because the public recognized in Joe Louis a gentleman whose exemplary conduct both in and out of the ring, have made him a national figure. He's a great asset to boxing and has been since



he started his professional career. Boxing is as proud of Joe Louis as he is of holding the world heavyweight crown.

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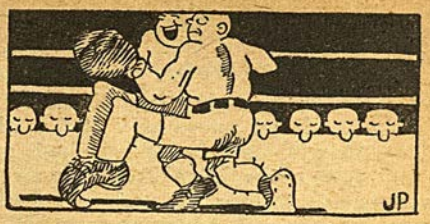
THE theory that too much fighting makes a man stale didn't find much favor with most of the old-time pugs. Louis defending his title twenty-four times in



ten years is commendable when viewed in the light of an exposure of the sluggish methods practiced by many of his predecessors.

But, unless one is willing to admit the importance of carrying a title rests so heavily on the holder's shoulders as to constitute a menace to his physical and mental powers, there seems no reason why the champion's activity should be listed as extraordinary, so far as actual fighting goes.

Take a look at the record of another famous Negro fighter—Sam Langford. Sam was never heavyweight champion, although he probably would have been had not Jack Johnson stood in his path. But nobody will deny that Langford was one of the hardest punchers that ever poked an opponent into dreamland, or his right to rank among the really great heavyweights of all time.

Sam started off as a lightweight in 1902 and fought his way through the divisions until he reached the heavyweight class. Up to the time he hit the middle grade he had had fifty-nine battles. He was mingling with the big fellows in 1905, and from then on to 1917 he participated in 107 bouts, all straight, regular ring encounters, none of the exhibition stuff. And what tough opposition he had! Joe Jeannette, Jack Johnson, Sam McVey, Jim Flynn, Gunboat Smith, Battling Jim Johnson, Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, Harry Wills, were only a few of his distinguished opponents! Sam dropped a few, a very few decisions, but his list of knockout victories is enough to make one's jaw ache to read it, and up to 1917 he never took a full count.

Spread 107 battles over a twelve-year space and you'll see that many of these slugfests must have been timed pretty closely together. Notice the following dates, taken at random from Langford's record:

In 1906, March 1, knocked out Larry Temple, 15 rounds; April 5, won, Joe Jeannette, 15 rounds; April 26, lost, Jack Johnson, 15 rounds. In 1907, January 11, draw, Joe Jeannette, 12 rounds; January 21, knocked out Kid Williams, 6 rounds. In 1909, April 3, knocked out John Willie, 2 rounds; April 14, Jim Barry, no decision, 10 rounds; April 17, Al Kubiak, no decision, 6 rounds; April 27, draw, Sandy Ferguson, 12 rounds.

A couple of weeks was a good rest for Langford between battles. Sometimes it wasn't even that, as for instance, during his Australian tour in 1913, when he kayoed Jim Barry in one round at Brisbane, Queensland, and seven days later fought a twenty-round draw with Sam McVey in the same ring. Langford's eyes went back on him toward the end of his long ring career, but otherwise, his physical condition was unaffected, for the Tar Baby seemed to thrive on hard battling.

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JOE JEANNETTE, credited with as long a record as that of Langford, was also accustomed to answering the gong on

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New Faces

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considered in the lightweight division.

John L. is an unorthodox stylist who comes in with both hands held high and then throws hooks with either mitt in a very workmanlike manner. He's a busy lad who keeps his opponents on the go from bell to bell and is willing to take in order to give.

Marcus Max Seales is his manager. Where to from here, John L.?

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TOMMY STENHOUSE

"ONE of the best in Buffalo," say many ring critics who have seen Tommy Stenhouse, or "Terrible Tommy," as the lightweight has come to be known. Despite the fact that he has had only 24 professional fights at this writing, winning 23 of these and reversing the only loss at a later date, he has already become a favorite in upper New York State.

Among his victims in the ring are Joey Kushner, Doug McDonald, Tommy Taylor, Harry Hintlian, Harry Diduck, Johnny Lovett, Al Baldesino, Luis Ramos and Archie Goodbee. He has kayoed Joey Salcone, Otis Walker, Dom Amoroso (twice), Jorge Estrada, Moe Harvey, Roy Andrews and Mike Belloise, the former featherweight champion of the world.

Stenhouse's only loss was delivered by Pete Virgin, who in turn was decisively defeated in a return match by Tommy.

He is guided in his ring career by Johnny Toth.

Jones May Be the Answer

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boys as Mickey and Frankie Blair, Roxy Allen, Joey Allen, the latter one of Walcott's trainers; Johnny Lucas, Joey Strages, Frankie Rapp. In addition to Jones, Tony is handling Vince Lauria, an undefeated bantam; Pedro Firpo, a lightweight, and Jimmy Ward, Irish-Jew, a newcomer. Ward is a light-heavyweight. In his first amateur bout several weeks ago he scored a 14-second knockout.

Georgette has a family and doesn't depend wholly on boxing to feed 'em. He works as a draftsman on sheet metal in the New York shipyards at Camden, N. J., a stone's throw from his home at 3715 Camden Avenue.

"I firmly believe I have hit the jackpot with Jones," Georgette assures the writer. "The good Lord has given him everything, a strong body and a pair of hefty hands. He isn't spoiled and listens. He has a good head on his shoulders. Every morning whether he has a fight on or not finds him on the road reeling off four or five miles. He's always in shape and when I get a fight for him it doesn't take him long to be in the proverbial pink.

"He did Walcott a world of good as a sparmate for the Maxim fight. He was ready to help him prepare for the Louis event but he wasn't called. I was happy however, that he was on the same card with Jersey Joe and elated when Gene made good so quickly.

"The next time Jones shows in the Garden with some worthy opponent, the fans are going to lamp what I firmly believe is the outstanding heavyweight prospect of 1949! Just paste this prediction in your hat band."

Tales From the Past

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mighty short notice. For example, from December 7 to December 26, 1911, he knocked out Jewey Smith, Young Jack Johnson, Al Mitchell, Topeka Johnson, fought a 10-round, no decision bout with Jack (Twin) Sullivan, and stopped Nat Dewey in 8 rounds. In accomplishing which, he traveled a considerable distance, fighting in New York, Memphis, New Orleans, Buffalo and Chattanooga. Jeannette today is as hale and hearty a specimen of athletic manhood as one could wish to see.

Ex-heavyweight Champion Jack Johnson also bunched his battles close together and from 1899 to 1908, when he won the title from Burns, he engaged in no less than 68 regular contests, a by no means poor showing for nine years. In 1902 Johnson's record gives him a 12-round victory over Frank Childs, and ten days later a decision in 20 rounds over George Gardner. In 1903, Jack beat Denver Ed Martin in 20 rounds on February 5, and on February 27 of the same year he defeated Sam McVey in another 20-round battle.

With such short intervals between fights, a majority of which were scheduled over the twenty-round route, the old-timers couldn't indulge in lengthy training periods. Practically, they kept in shape by fighting constantly, and this strenuous life seemed to agree with them. Jack Johnson, until his death, was as light on his feet as a panther, and could step four rounds in a gymnasium at an amazing pace.

RING QUESTION BOX

Thomas Fielding, Norfolk, Va.

Q.—Did Johnson and Jeffries clash in the ring more than once?

A.—No, only once and Johnson scored a knockout at Reno, Nevada, in 15 rounds, July 4, 1910.

Irving Rosenbloom, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q.—I was informed that veterans of the last war can obtain THE RING at a reduced price if subscribing for a year. What is this price?

A.—Sorry, there is no reduced price. The cost of production has mounted too high to enable us to give a reduction.

Harvey Summers, Fresno, Cal.

Q.—How many times did Billy Conn and Joe Louis meet? Was Conn in action during the war?

A.—Twice and on both occasions Louis scored knockouts, the first on June 18, 1941, in 13 rounds and the second in 8 rounds on June 19, 1946. If you mean by action on the firing line, no. If in the ring, yes, but only in exhibitions.

Jack Sharick, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Q.—Did Doug Ratford defeat Kid Gavilan a few months ago?

A.—We have no record of such a meeting.

Harold Drake, Mt. Morris, Ill.

Q.—I weigh 125 pounds and stand 5 feet 9 inches tall. I want to become a professional fighter but my friends laugh at the thought. What do you think?

A.—Height and weight wouldn't affect you as a fighter. Two boxers who stood 5 feet, 11 inches tall, and became world bantamweight champions were Harry Harris and Panama Al Brown.

George Marland, Detroit, Mich.

Q.—What heavyweight lost and then regained the heavyweight championship of the world?

A.—No man has ever been able to turn that trick. Several have had the opportunity, but all have failed.

Jack Kingsley, St. Joseph, Mo.

Q.—What has happened to Lee Oma? When did he fight last? Was he ahead of Gus Lesnevich on points when the referee stopped the fight?

A.—In his last fight Oma dropped a ten round decision to Colon Chaney in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on Oct. 28, 1947. Most of the newspaper men at the ringside had Oma ahead of Lesnevich at the time the contest was halted.

Sam Rubin, Chicago, Ill.

Q.—I recall a fighter about ten years ago who always wore an old Indian blanket into the ring. I believe it was a luck token. Can you help me recall the man I am thinking about?

A.—Billy Petrolle.

Jimmy Dublin, St. Cloud, Minn.

Q.—As you can tell by my name, I am an Irishman and naturally interested in the city of Dublin, Ireland. Was there ever a world championship fight held in that city?

A.—Yes, Mike McTigue took the light-heavyweight championship of the world from Battling Siki in Dublin, and what makes it even more interesting, the fight was held on St. Patrick's Day.

A Reader

Q.—How many ways can a boxing contest be won and lost under the rules of boxing in New York State?

A.—1—Knockout, which signifies the loser was knocked out of time for the count of ten seconds.

2—Technical knockout, in the event a contestant has been so severely injured he is unable to continue, or the contest is stopped by the referee to save the loser from further punishment.

3—Decision. This decides the winner on the votes of the three officials, the referee and two judges, and gives the verdict to the contestant who has won the greater number of rounds and leads in the point scoring.

4—Draw. Such a verdict is possible, but not probable, since under the Eagan system of judging contests in New York, a bout can only be called a draw when rounds won and lost and the total of points add up evenly. There have been not more than three or four draw verdicts since the introduction of the Eagan scoring system.

5—Disqualification. While a contest cannot be won or lost on a foul in New York, a contestant can be disqualified for continuing to strike low or illegal blows after repeated warnings. A disqualification can also be ruled by the referee if a contestant's seconds enter the ring during the course of a contest, or for other actions ruled inimical to the sport by the referee, who is in sole authority while the contestants are in the ring.

6—No Contest. The referee is empowered to so decide if in his opinion the contestants are not giving their best efforts.

Al Timmons, Norfolk, Virginia

Q.—Would Harry Greb have beaten Gene Tunney if they had met when they were both in their prime?

A.—Greb and Tunney met five times with Tunney getting the nod on four occasions. However, Greb had been fighting for about ten years at the time and was on the down grade while Tunney was coming along. As it was two of their Garden meetings in which Tunney was given the nod were considered by many to be bad decisions. I believe that Greb in his prime was much too fast for Tunney. Purely a matter of opinion.

Ralph Spears, Tucson, Arizona

Q.—What is the place of birth of the oldtimer, Newsboy Brown? What was his real name?

A.—He was born in Russia in 1904 and was christened Dave Montrose.

Irving Cohen, Brooklyn, New York

Q.—Did Midget Wolgast and Frankie Genaro ever fight to clear up the flyweight championship?

A.—Yes, they met in 1930, but after 15 rounds the officials could not decide on a decision and the contest was called a draw leaving the situation exactly where it had been prior to the fight.

Donald Sanders, St. Paul, Minnesota

Q.—Did Beau Jack ever fight Terry Young?

A.—Yes. Jack won a ten round decision.

James Craig, Seattle, Washington

Q.—Can you tell me who fought in the Carnival of Champions?

A.—Barney Ross beat Ceferino Garcia, Lou Ambers defeated Pedro Montanez, Fred Apostoli stopped Marcel Thil in 9 rounds, and Harry Jeffra beat Sixto Escobar.

Sam Levin, New York, N. Y.

Q.—Was Pat Comiskey ever knocked out?

A.—Once, by Max Baer in one round on Sept. 26, 1940.

George Lewis, Texas City, Texas

Q.—On page 53 of your 1944 RING Record Book you have Young Stribling beating Bob Fitzsimmons in 10 rounds. Is that possible?

A.—Record refers to Young Bob Fitzsimmons, son of the great "Ruby Robert".

Jack Leonard, Fort Worth, Texas

Q.—How do you account for the amazing record compiled by Gus Lesnevich since his discharge from the service. I recall that in pre-war days Lesnevich was just an ordinary fighter and considered by some as a "Cheese Champion."

A.—Lesnevich's surprising comeback is based on his great experience against fighters who have not learned to cope with a man of Gus's background. A master of all the tricks of the trade and probably the best finisher in boxing, Lesnevich's cunning and newly found kayo punch carries him through.

Fists of Iron

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The crowd, which packed the arena, marveled at the pace set by the pair. There wasn't a moment's letup in the entire mill. In the fifth round, McFadden landed a right flush on the mouth and knocked out one of O'Brien's gold teeth. Jack, proud of his metal molars, of which he had plenty, stepped back, stooped to the canvas, picked up the tooth with his gloved hand and deposited it in his corner, while the spectators applauded. A roar of laughter greeted the act and Elbows stood in the center of the ring, grinning like a kid until the operation was completed. Then he got busy.

What he didn't do to O'Brien after that! He broke two of Jack's ribs and pounded his stomach into raw beef. The bout was to have gone twenty-five rounds, but O'Brien went out in twelve.

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THE injury that brought an abrupt end to the milling, took place in the middle of the twelfth frame, when McFadden drove his right with unerring precision and skill into O'Brien's bread-basket and followed with a powerful left to the ribs. It landed with such force that it caused O'Brien to sink to the canvas. While the referee was counting, Jack tried to get to his feet. The count had reached eight when he finally succeeded. Referee White noticed the agony on O'Brien's face and reached his side, pondering whether to call a halt but despite the agony depicted on the face of the Canadian, White let the battle continue.

Doggedly O'Brien fought on. McFadden saw his condition, looked at White and then let up in the attack. But he was waved into action again by the referee and he tore through O'Brien's guard with a right that caused the boxer from across the border to sink to his knees. O'Brien barely managed to remain for the rest of the round.

As the bell sounded, he was gasping for breath and holding his side. He couldn't walk to his corner and had to be supported. He dropped to his stool and then motioned to Charley White that he had had enough. He said he couldn't continue and the gong for the thirteenth round never sounded. The fight was over. Another great victory had been won by George Elbows McFadden.

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McFADDEN made his first appearance in San Francisco on February 28, 1901, in a twenty-round battle with Dal Hawkins, another of the supermen who were ring idols in those days of great lightweights. The affair took place at the Century A. C. and McFadden came through with a victory on a foul in seven rounds. The New Yorker landed a hard right on Hawkins' eye in the sixth round and the Californian, in a clinch at the close of the round, deliberately fouled the New Yorker several times in retaliation for that punch. Referee Welch warned Dal and then following a clinch, Hawkins kicked McFadden and the official again warned him. McFadden, in pain, went to his corner claiming that he could not continue and the referee refused to disqualify Hawkins.

The bell had sounded and Billy Roche and his aides worked like beavers to bring Elbows around for the seventh round. When the gong clanged, the New Yorker rushed out and decided to get Dal in that session. Hawkins hit low again and this time the foul was so apparent that Referee Welch rushed forth, grabbed Dal by the arm and threw him half way across the ring and called a halt. He held up the hand of McFadden and announced that he had disqualified Dal for repeated fouling.

In Fistic Spotlight

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1944, when, as a member of the Coast Guard, stationed in New York, he knocked out Caspare Abruzzo in Brooklyn.

In Oakland, Calif., where he has done most of his battling, they call him the "Earl of Richmond." How well liked he must be there is indicated by his record. Over a two-year span, from mid-1945, when he was discharged from the service, until late in 1947, when he left for New York, Turner fought a total of no less than 22 bouts in Oakland. And he didn't pick his spots, either. A legitimate welterweight, he not only fought the best opponents available in his own class, but often moved up to the heavier middleweight division to battle any one the promoters selected. Among the better ones he faced were Chester Slider, Paul Lewis, Frankie Augustain, Don Lee, Jackie Wilson, Aaron Perry, Bernard Docusen, Fred Apostoli and Tommy Egan.

During his sojourn in the East Turner's affairs are being handled by Lew Burston.

N.Y. Boxing Code

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can, and is of a mind to, enforce Section 7, the New York rule book is a travesty, and the New York Commission as much a travesty as the book.

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LET me continue my inspection of Section 7. It says, "A championship can be lost by default, forfeit or inability to pass the scale, but a championship can only be won in a contest."

If a champion is scheduled to defend his title, and then fails to make the weight, and after two hours of grace, still cannot make that poundage, and his challenger does tip the beam at the required scale, the title is forfeited and the fight becomes an overweight match.

Now, suppose this does happen, the title is declared open, and the Commission sponsors an elimination tournament.

Out of this carnival comes a winner. He is the No. 1 challenger. So what? Suppose he is No. 1? Where does that get him in the current situation on the New York Commission?

It is apparent that the entire Section 7 must be overhauled. It is no longer enforceable or serviceable, and just so long as it remains on the books, places the governing body in the position of perpetrating a hoax.

If Section 7 is to stay, let the Commission get busy and see that it is enforced, see that champions fight again in New York, see that titleholders and their connections are not able to bypass worthy challengers. The Saddler situation in the featherweight class is an example of what has been going on.

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NOW let me call attention to the most important clause in the New York boxing law.

Let me stress it for Col. Eagan. Paragraph 10 of the law says: "The Commission shall have authority to issue, under the hand of its chairman, and the seal of the Commission, subpoenas for the attendance of witnesses before the Commission, to the SAME EFFECT AS IF THEY WERE ISSUED IN ANY ACTION IN THE SUPREME COURT, and it may, by any member, administer oaths and affirmations and it may examine witnesses in all matters pertaining to the administration of the affairs of the Commission; and disobedience of such subpoenas, and false swearing before such Commission, shall be attended with the same consequences and be subject to the same penalties as if such disobedience, or false swearing, occurred in any action in the Supreme Court."

In other words, the New York Commission does not have to rely on District Attorney Frank S. Hogan of New York County to dig out boxing scandals and bring them to the attention of the Grand Jury.

Col. Eagan has every right, and every facility, under the New York boxing law to call anybody, examine anybody—every right in such cases as lies within the practice of the Grand Jury.

The New York Commission should not permit District Attorney Hogan and the Grand Jury to perform its investigating and policing duties for it.

As Hogan has said, it is up to the New York group to organize an FBI of its own—to get rid of political appointees in the Commission's office and hire competent, ruthless investigators.

Another thing. Meetings of the New York Commission used to be open to the press.

Now those sessions are star chamber proceedings, and the boxing writers must be content with official communiques for the news.

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LET'S have open sessions again. Let everything connected with boxing in New York be out in public. Not that I advocate opening meetings to passersby. But accredited representatives of the press should be welcomed in these hearings and conferences.

And it would be well if Col. Eagan's two associates, Dr. Clilan B. Powell and Leon F. Swears, showed a better record of attendance at Commission meetings.

The New York State Boxing Commission used to be a three-man body. Now it is dominated absolutely by its chairman.

Let it be said that Col. Eagan is a fine man. He is able. He is honest. He has splendid motives.

But, as Hogan said," Eddie loves boxing too much. He is like the surgeon who is called on to amputate the leg of his own brother. The amputation would save that brother's life. He knows that. But it is his brother, and the surgeon flinches."

Let's stop flinching and start wielding the scalpel, Colonel. And no need of an anaesthetic.

Nat Fleischer Says:

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Shufflin' Joe has compiled some amazing marks during his spectacular ring career. Two of the most notable were those of being the youngest champion to ascend the heavyweight throne (he was only 21 when he knocked out Jim Braddock in Chicago), and of having made more titular defenses (24) than any champion in history.

The latest record eclipsed by Louis was the 10 years, 212 days Sullivan ruled the heavyweight roost. Joe passed that figure January 20, 1947. John L. won the title February 7, 1882, when he stopped Paddy Ryan in Mississippi, and lost it September 7, 1892, when Jim Corbett toppled him in New Orleans.

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IT was something of a coincidence that on the same day the sports world paid homage to the Bomber for his long reign, press dispatches out of Los Angeles quoted Jack Dempsey on the subject of the present Louis.

Recalling his own experiences in the ring, Dempsey doubts if Louis will be much better in the return engagement with Jersey Joe Walcott than he was in the recent and not too glorious affair.

Jack maintains that a fighter, to maintain his top form, must fight often. As the years move on, the veteran finds it increasingly difficult to coordinate his reflexes and timing. He sees openings, but is unable to take advantage of them as quickly as he should.

Dempsey feels that Louis hasn't been active enough for his own good. Exhibition tours don't help gear a fighter up to his highest competitive peak. As a matter of fact, exhibitions at times can be more harmful than helpful, since a boxer is apt to get careless, and merely go through the motions. A dozen exhibitions cannot take the place of one real fight, insists Jack.

Even if Louis does beat Walcott in their coming encore, Dempsey doubts if Joe ever again will be the fighter he was eight or ten years ago. Says Jack: "Joe has picked up too much rust, and it hangs on. It's hard to scrape off."

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THE stories broadcast on January 28 from El Paso, Texas, that Billy Smith, former holder of the world welterweight championship, had died there at the age of 74, were erroneous. The Smith of Texas apparently was confused by those who reported his death through national news agencies and the radio with Mysterious Billy, one of the toughest welters in all pugilism and holder of the world crown from December 14, 1892, to January 26, 1894. Mysterious Billy was christened Amos Smith while the Billy from El Paso was christened Charles E. Matthews.

Mysterious Billy died in Portland, Oregon, on October 16, 1937, and is buried there.

The Billy Smith from El Paso was a good welter but never held a title. He fought mostly on undercards and between the years 1888 and 1892 he acted as trainer for stars who fought in Texas, or near by. Among them was Bob Fitzsimmons. Billy Smith helped train Ruby Robert for his fights with Peter Maher, Jim Hall of Australia and Nonpareil Jack Dempsey.

During the Spanish-American War Smith served in Cuba under Roosevelt as a Rough Rider. The case of Smith is similar to many other such confusing reports, broadcast by people who fail to do research.

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TWO boxing championship bubbles were burst in the Garden a few weeks ago when Jackie Cranford, considered by many fight experts as the most promising of the younger set of heavyweights, and Terry Young, tentatively matched with Ike Williams, were defeated by Gino Buonvino of Italy and Paddy DeMarco, respectively. The defeats were upsets as each of the victors was the underdog in the betting.

The reverse, so far as Cranford is concerned, stymied his rise to fistic prominence and temporarily, at least, put a halt to the nonsensical ballyhoo that had pictured him a second Gene Tunney and a fit opponent for Joe Louis. THE RING, following the contest in which Cranford had stopped Bernie Reynolds, pointed out that Cranford lacked the ability to clash with first rate heavyweights because he was too frail and couldn't take a hard punch. That our judgment was correct was proved in the Buonvino fight in which the Italian, who has no punch, did everything but knock out the big, blond former Navy man.

The Italian hit Cranford repeatedly, yet couldn't stop his man and it was the consistency of this attack, not the power behind Gino's punches, that brought him the unanimous victory. The fight bore out the contention of THE RING Editor, as it appeared in a previous issue, that Cranford is an ordinary heavyweight who should stick to the second raters and not mingle with the boys near the top.

As for Buonvino, he won't go far either. He doesn't carry a wallop, nor does he know how to hit. Often during the Cranford bout he didn't even fight with a closed fist. As a title threat, Joe Louis need not be troubled by insomnia. He can sleep in peace, undisturbed by threats from either Gino or Jackie.

A fight that was almost the equal of the famous Garden battle between Tony Zale and Rocky Graziano was that between DeMarco and Young, a cofeature on the Buonvino-Cranford card. It was one of the greatest slugfests seen in New York in many moons.

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FRANK KLAUS, the Braddock Bearcat, is gone. One by one, the old guard in boxing, men who made the headlines as fighters, managers and promoters, have passed into the Great Beyond. Klaus, born in Pittsburgh on December 30, 1887, of German-American parentage, like most of the pugilistic stars of his era, was a traveller who saw action in Europe as well as in every big city of the United States. He started his professional career in 1904 and wound up after being twice knocked out by George Chip in consecutive battles. The blond-haired Pittsburgher, a demon in the ring, fought the greatest battlers of his era and came through with flying colors in all but two out of 88 ring engagements, those to Chip.

He presented a pretty picture of the rugged American fighting man and from the very start of his career, he showed the quality which bore him rapidly out front. In his first year he engaged in five contests, winning all, three via the knockout route. Among the list of his opponents were such great middleweights, light-heavies and heavyweights as Stanley Ketchel, Frank Mantell, Jimmy Gardiner, Billy Papke, Jack Dillon, George Chip, Harry and Willie Lewis, Leo Houck, Montana Dan Sullivan, Billy Berger, Jack Twin Sullivan, Cyclone Johnny Thompson, Porky Flynn, Jack Rowan, Hugo Kelly, Billy McKinnon, Sailor Petrosky, Georges Carpentier and Eddie McGoorty. What a promoter would give to have only a few of those boys fighting today!

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WHEN Stanley Ketchel died in 1910, every middleweight of note put in a claim for the title, with Billy Papke, who previously had held it, obtaining the greatest support. He insisted that the crown reverted to him now that Ketchel was gone, but Eddie McGoorty, Frank Mantell, Jimmy Clabby and Frank Klaus disputed the claim.

In 1911, a fight between Papke and Cyclone Johnny Thompson was arranged in Australia and was advertised as being for the title, but Papke couldn't get down to the weight limit while Thompson scaled only 158, and it was agreed that the affair would be an overweight match. But when Thompson gained the decision at the end of twenty rounds, the Cyclone laid claim to world honors but he failed to gain popular recognition.

The following year both he and Papke far outgrew the division. The only legitimate middleweights, fighters who were willing according to the rules of that era to weigh in at 158 pounds at 2 o'clock, were Klaus, Mantell, Clabby, McGoorty and Jack Dillon. The rest wanted 160 at 3 o'clock. The man with the best claim at the time was Klaus.

When the scramble for recognition was at its height, Klaus got a twenty rounds decision over Dillon and beat every American middleweight of prominence except McGoorty, their bouts being evenly contested and decisionless. These performances gave Klaus the best claim on the American title and he proceeded to clinch the world championship by stopping Georges Carpentier in 19 rounds at Dieppe, France, on June 24, 1912, beating two other Frenchmen, Moreau and Boine who were runners up to Carpentier, and on March 1, 1913, winning on a foul in 15 rounds from Papke, who, for that fight, agreed to come in at 158 and did so. Thus Klaus became the international middleweight king.

Frank Mantell took exception to Klaus' claim. He insisted that when he defeated Papke in the Sacramento Baseball Park on February 22, 1912, in twenty rounds, that bout was advertised by James Croffoth as a middleweight championship bout. But Mantell failed to state that Papke was out of the championship picture at the time because he had outgrown the division. However, the following year he again was able to make the weight when he fought Klaus in Paris, a bout which was accepted by the French Federation and the majority of American and European scribes as a world championship match. With his victory, Klaus became universally recognized. He lost the title to George Chip who knocked him out in five rounds on December 13, 1913, in Pittsburgh.

(In our next issue, THE RING Editor will review several of Klaus' greatest battles, those which the Editor covered.)

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NEW ORLEANS AND THE SOUTH

By BROADWAY JOHNNY COX

JOCK LESLIE decisioned Floyd Shiflett, Rome, Ga., lightweight, in ten rounds at the Coliseum Arena. Leslie scaled 127½ pounds. Shiflett 127. It was Jock's second win since losing to Willie Pep last year. Leslie dropped Shiflett for nine counts in the sixth and seventh rounds. The decision was unanimous. Shiflett has been active in Georgia and Florida rings before coming here for the Leslie encounter. The show was promoted by Heard Ragas and Matchmaker Lew Raymond. In another ten-rounder, Pat Donahue, 152, Charley Rodriguez's hard-hitting middleweight, won a ten-round decision over Chaforo Martinez, 145, tough Mexican welterweight, who does most of his fighting in Texas rings. Joe Rodriguez, Philadelphia, Pa., featherweight, decisioned Johnny Villaneuva, Mexican featherweight, in a sizzling five-rounder. Gene Bonner, Morgan City, La., heavyweight protege of Jerome Conforto, one-time Southern welterweight king, featured a five-round draw with Eddie Calecas. 2408 fans paid a net gate of $3689.41. A donation from the fans for the March of Dimes fund netted $309.28.

Louis Messina, who has been inactive due to the Municipal Auditorium being unavailable on account of nightly carnival balls, has resumed promoting fights at the Municipal Auditorium. Managers of fighters are requested to contact Messina at the Gypsy Tea Room, 1432 St. Ann Street, phone Magnolia 8985.

Messina stages white fistic cards at Municipal Auditorium with a seating capacity of 10,000 fans and white and Negro shows at PelicanETAOIN with a seating capacity of 12,000 spectators.

Jimmie Curl of San Antonio, Tex., scaling 161½, and Billy Cooper, Paterson, N. J., weighing 162¼, met in a dull ten-rounder at the Coliseum Arena with Curl winning the decision.

Curl is a southpaw and a counter-puncher. Cooper used his ring generalship to stick out the ten rounds. Promoter Heard Ragas and Matchmaker Lew Raymond staged the card.

Bobby Dykes, San Antonio, Tex., lost an eight-round decision to Billy Loudeman, Dallas, Tex. They are welterweights. Dykes was a pre-fight favorite, but the busy mauling Loudeman wore down Billy to win handily.

Keith Hamilton, 136, local boy, fought a six-round draw with Buddy Hughes, 135½, of Austin, Tex. Jesse Mull, New Orleans middleweight, stopped Johnny Bullard, Oklahoma City, Okla., in the fifth round of another six.

2316 fans paid a net gate of $2837.81.

Bert Linam, 149, of San Antonio, Tex., won a split decision over Cosby Linson, 150½, in a hard-fought ten-rounder promoted by the Heard Ragas-Lew Raymond combine at the Coliseum Arena.

Referee Ashton Donza took the fifth round away from Cosby for a low blow. Linam's finish in the tenth round won him his close verdict. Judge J. Amato and Referee Donza voted for Linam. Judge Pete Giaruso called the bout a draw.

Joe Johnson, Eunice, La., decisioned Herbert Mueller, local welterweight, in six rounds. Johnny Villaneuva, Texas Mexican, decisioned Juan Santamaria in a four-rounder. Joe Dazet, Eddie Brun's hard-hitting middleweight, scored a two-round T.K.O. over Larry Trader, Oklahoma middleweight, in six. Ralph Silverman, Tulane University student, decisioned "Baby Face" Williams in the opening four-rounder of a welterweight contest.

1988 fans paid a net gate of $2465.31.

Fistic pot shots—Jack Dempsey was a Mardi Gras visitor and was third man in a wrestling bout staged by Promoter Jim Murtagh at the Coliseum Arena. Dempsey, always top favorite with local fistic fans, was entertained royally by Marty Burke, one-time contender for the heavyweight and light-heavyweight titles. Harry Wills, the famous New Orleans heavyweight contender for Dempsey's title, paid his first visit here in years to attend the funeral of his mother, who died at the age of 77 years. Wills is a local boy who started in the fight game here. Harry is now 57 years old. Wills was a credit to his race and the fight game.

Ike Morales, *Item* boxing critic, ran pictures of Bernard and Maxie Docusen with a big story on the two famous New Orleans Filipino fighters. Eddie Steele, Macon, Ga., middleweight, will soon show here against Pat Donahue, Cosby Linson or some other heavy welterweight or middleweight. Jack Larazov, Memphis, Tenn., manager, plans on showing Jimmy "Pineapple" Inopia, Pete Tucker, Paul Hill, Billy Hill and Louis Williams for Promoter Louis Messina.

William A. "Bill" Coker, one-time chairman of the Louisiana Athletic Commission, is the new manager of the Municipal Auditorium. Mayor DeLesseps Morrison made a ten strike in naming Coker to the important position. Coker knows amateur and professional sports. Bill Coker has been a nationally known sports figure in both sports for over 30 years. Unattached fighters anxious for work locally and in other parts of the South and Texas can contact the writer at the DeSoto Hotel, New Orleans, La.

KANSAS CITY AND VICINITY

By MAX YEARGAIN

THE 1948 professional boxing season got off to an exhilarating start in the Midwest last month, with several of the fight cards showing before record turnouts. From current indications 1948 will prove to be one of the best in this section's boxing history.

Kansas City, too busy with Golden Gloves tournaments to stage more than one pro show last month, nevertheless provided an upset as Levi Southall, 144, scored a knockout over Henry Jordon, 148, Philadelphia, at Memorial Hall, Kansas City, Kansas. The Kansas City welterweight needed only one punch, landing squarely on the chin of the Easterner to end the scrap in 1:38 of the second round. It was Southall's third straight knockout in the Memorial Hall ring, his last two opponents lasting only one minute of the first stanza.

Other results: Lewis Williams, 132, K. C., K.O.'ed Jack Haley, 128, K. C., in 1:21 of the fourth. Val Alvarado, 119, Montrose, Colo., outpointed Howard Jackson, 120, K. C., six rounds. Henry Henderson, 149, Tulsa, Okla., outpointed Vert Gibson, 155, K. C., four rounds. Sidney Caples, 140, K. C., K.O.'ed Dolphus Edwards, 141, Des Moines, in 2:45 of round two.

Additional respect for Irish Pat McCafferty, Topeka's terrific punching light-heavyweight, was making the rounds in boxing circles following the young Irishman's two-round T.K.O. victory, January 14, in the Wichita Forum, over Frankie Majors, of Fort Riley. After six minutes Referee Eddie Zonker stepped in to mercifully halt proceedings.

In the semi-windup of the Wichita card, Ray Augustus, 169, formerly eighth-ranking contender, opening a ring comeback, had too much reach and ring savvy for Dick Smith, 163, of Oklahoma City, and punched out a clear-cut decision.

Kenney "Red" Barton of Arkansas City, former Navy fighter, added another K.O. victim to his list, stopping Julio Trestaine in the fourth. The Ark City middleweight had the Mexico City fighter down for a nine-count in the first, but the game Julio rallied to slug it out until a vicious right to the solar plexus finished him off in the fourth.

Other results: Bud Love, K. C., 127, T.K.O.'ed Chief Jackson, 124, Bartlesville, round three. Floyd Perry, 142, K. C., decisioned Claude Sullard, 140, Wichita, four rounds. Bob Childers, 145, K. C., won split decision over Mel Hood, 143, Wichita, four rounds.

A crowd of nearly 3000 fans braved the icy weather to witness the card.

At Topeka—Deacon Logan turned in a hair's-breadth victory over Beltin' Bert Ellis of Kansas City before 3000 fans at Municipal Auditorium, Topeka, in a thrilling brawl which had every fan on his feet at the gory finish.

Held at bay by Ellis' lightning left and continually caught short by Ellis' clubbing right, the St. Louis robot actually was losing the scrap to his younger and less-experienced foe until he rallied to pull out the last two rounds with a characteristic Logan rush.

The seventh pulled him up even—as even as any scrap has ever been—and the devastating final round assault gave him the nod he needed to avert his fourth setback in over 300 professional starts.

In the semi-windup Kenny "Red" Barton, Ark City's red-headed destroyer, found a spartan in Omaha Charlie Green, but even the experienced Nebraskan proved no match for Barton's two-fisted attack. Kept off-balance in the opening round, Barton swarmed all over Green in the second, beat him unmercifully on the ropes and then stretched him for a nine count. Four hard rights crashed into Green's jaw in the third, the final poke so stiff that Barton also slipped to the canvas as Green fell hard, out cold.

Other results: Frankie Rivera, 122, K. C., decisioned Ernie DeFrance, 128, Wichita (4). Sidney Caples, 139, K. C., T.K.O.'ed Mel Hood, 140, Wichita (4). Jackie Wilson, 140, Topeka, T.K.O.'ed Bob Childers, 148, K. C. (2).

In a barroom brawl that has seldom been equalled in the Midwest for pure savagery, colorful Don Lee of Edison, Neb., belted out a decision over crafty Deacon Logan of St. Louis, to top off an exceptionally good fight card at Wichita Forum, January 28.

All ten rounds were a grueling, crowd-pleasing affair, brutal and furious all the way, with Lee, who opened slower than Logan, finishing at a blistering pace, to do his hardest punching in the last four.

The semi-final saw Kenny "Red" Barton, Arkansas City middleweight sensation, stop Manuel Segobia of Omaha in 1:09 of the second round with a beautiful left hook flush to the jaw. It was the terrific red-head's ninth professional fight, all wins, eight of them by knockouts.

Bud Love, former Wichitan, now fighting out of Kansas City, whose scraps invariably turn into thrillers, edged out classy Russ Moore of Kansas City in a thrilling four-rounder. Moore had twice previously beaten Love, and came within inches of turning the trick again in a bout which might well have been called a draw.

Jackie Wilson, Topeka lightweight, pounded out a clear-cut four-round decision over Mickey Hogan of Kansas City. Chief Jackson, Oklahoma Indian featherweight, won handily from Spider Webb of Los Angeles. In the opening bout Floyd Perry of Kansas City decisioned Mel Hood of Wichita.

Bigger and better boxing shows for the Middle West were assured January 10th, with the formation of a Midwest Boxing Promoters' Association, a co-operative group working together for the betterment of boxing in the Midwest.

Through the organization the promoters hope to attract and encourage more "name" fighters to appear throughout the area. Members are: Max Clayton, Omaha, chairman; Tony Stecher, Minneapolis; Billy Colbert, St. Paul; Pinkie George, Des Moines; Tom McHugh, Kansas City, and Max Yeargain, Topeka and Wichita. Local fighters for each group will have more opportunities for work against tough foes, and outside fighters can be brought in.

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In Sunny California

By Harry Winkler

HAROLD DADE believes in starting the new year off right. Before many of us had yet overcome the effects of celebrating the New Year, the clever little Negro was chalking up a 1948 victory over Bobby Jackson at the Los Angeles Olympic. It was just one year ago, to the day, that Harold started off the upset year of 1947 by winning the bantam crown from Ortiz.

It was an eye cut that caused the bout with Jackson to be halted in the seventh round, but Dade was winning handily, having garnered six of the seven heats fought. The Negro cutie had too much speed and savvy for Jackson. The eye wound, first opened in the fourth, was bleeding so profusely by the sixth that even Jackson's handlers requested the bout be stopped, but the Negro gamester was fighting back so strongly that Referee Mushy Callahan was reluctant to rule him out.

Jackson copped one round, the third, when he shook up Dade with a hard right and got in a few solid uppercuts. And Bobby kept every round interesting with his relentless attack, but Harold pumped in punches too fast and too often for Bobby to contend with. Dade weighed 124, Jackson 127.

In the semi, Ray Stevens, 200, Oakland, was very impressive in rocking Jim Lee, 199, Los Angeles, to sleep. Stevens weakened Lee with body blows in the second and finished him with a right to the jaw in the third.

In other bouts Hoot Benson, 200, knocked the stuffing out of Lonnie Craft, 183, with a crushing right to the body as the bell ended the first round; Nap Howard, 159, K.O.'ed Arthur Brown, 151, in the third; Lem Thomas, 131, whipped Nick Smith, 130, in a four; Roland Cannon, 132, decisioned Hank Okura, 130, in four.

The Madcap Mick of San Diego is becoming as well known as Madman Muntz. The Irishman in question, Bob Murphy, is getting his rep by knocking out so many of his opponents. Mrs. Murphy's boy added Edgar Robinson, Phoenix Negro, to his list of victims by stopping the Arizonan in the second round at the San Diego Coliseum.

Starting fast, Murphy whipped in heavy blows to Robinson's tummy to floor Edgar for an eight-count in the opening round. Backing Robinson into a corner in the second, the Irishman put his foe down for another eight seconds with body blows. A moment later, Murphy parked a left hook on Robinson's chin that floored the Negro boxer for the full count. Each weighed 158.

In supporting bouts Al Hernandez defeated Jess Richards in the semi (6); Gil Napier decisioned Hank Okura (6); Ray Sandoval beat Burnie Gaeta (4); Hank Gerquin T.K.O.'ed Robby Davis (4).

There have been some poor cards staged at the Hollywood Stadium in recent years, but an all-time low was reached when a program made up entirely of imported boxers was put on at the Movie City Arena. The show lasted less than an hour, the four contests, scheduled for ten, eight, six and four rounds, all ending by K.O.'s.

Four contestants making up two of the bouts, were out of Baltimore (some Hollywood Stadium official must have read Nate Phillips' ad in The Ring), the other four were from El Paso, Texas. The boys from Baltimore were probably stablemates or sparring partners. Those from El Paso were definitely so. All were of mediocre ability. The results are here recorded for posterity:

Leo Matriciani, 217, Baltimore, K.O.'ed Leo Stoll, 191, Baltimore, in round two; Alvara Estrada, 136, El Paso, K.O.'ed Julio Muriel, 133, El Paso, in the fifth; Joe O'Connell, 165, K.O.'ed Oscar Wakefield, 170, Baltimore, in the third; Waldo Romero, 131, El Paso, K.O.'ed Armando Carmona, 128, El Paso, in the second.

A small crowd voiced its displeasure of the bouts.

In commenting on the Hollywood Stadium program reported above, it was not the intention of this writer to cast any reflections on the present matchmaker. Fact is, he probably had nothing to do with making up this card, as there was a change of administration taking place at the time. The program was arranged by long-distance just a few days before show time in order to prevent the Stadium from going "dark."

The California boxing managers had blackballed the Starium because of a controversy over televising the fights. The "strike" was only for the one week and an agreement has been reached, at least temporarily, between the managers and Stadium officials. However, it would have been better for all concerned, had the officials kept the arena closed on this one night.

Ernie Rios, 184, Los Angeles, spoiled the California main-event debut of Ben Johnson, 187, Houston, by punching out a decision over the Texas champion in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. It was a hotly contested affair which saw both on Dizzy Street. Rios ran up an early lead, but was badly hurt in the fifth from hard rights to the jaw. However, Ernie came back strong to cop the sixth heat, and the two battled on even terms in remaining rounds.

In supporting bouts: Clyde Coyhis, 150, decisioned Rudy Davila, 152, in the four-round semi; John Kenny, 158, decisioned Willie Parker, 159, in four; Benny Black, 145, whipped Kobie Scott, 147, in four; Tommy Yamaoka, 118, won by a T.K.O. from Joe Delao; Ray Louis, 143, nodded Babe Huerta, 144. (These two have met more times than Riggs has met Kramer.)

A few months ago this scribe predicted that Paulino Montes of Mexico would prove a thorn-in-the-side to our California lightweights. It was an understatement. Already he is a knife-in-the-heart to our topnotch 135-pounders, of which we have many. Montes' stock really skyrocketed when he K.O.'ed Buddy Garcia of Texas in the eighth round at the Los Angeles Olympic.

The fight was closely contested and interesting, but only exciting in the last few rounds, as both boys had much respect for the other's potent punching. Garcia led in the early rounds as Montes backed into the ropes and covered. Paulino took the offensive in the fifth and the tide turned in his favor. Montes landed some hard blows in the early parts of the fifth and sixth heats, but Garcia came back strong to almost even the score.

They slugged it out in the seventh, Paulino doing the most damage and the Texan was bleeding badly at the bell. They were again mixing it furiously in the eighth when Montes sunk a left into the stomach and Buddy crumbled to the canvas for the full count. In fact, it required two minutes to revive him. Montes weighed 134, Garcia 135.

In the semi, Rudy Davila, 150, pulled defeat out of the fire by flooring Clyde Coyhis, 152, just before the bell in the fifth. Coyhis, still dazed, lost the final round and the decision, after having copped the first four heats.

In the four-rounders Jack Glover, 209, outmauled Babe Edwards, 185; Axel Boode, 155, defeated Jess Richards, 156; Butch Maxwell, 134, won by a T.K.O. over Ray Sandoval, 134, when the latter suffered an eye cut in the fourth; Babe Huerta, 143, decisioned Ray Louis, 145. (What would a program be without this act?)

The blood pressure of San Diego Coliseum customers was upped by two Negro clouters who toss leather mittens with the potency of hand grenades. Rusty Payne, 184, San Diego, and Ralph (K.O.) Hooker, 189, Omaha, both hit like murder, and both are tough and aggressive. But Payne is the smarter of the two and he was the winner. (So you see, kiddies, what an education will do for you.)

Hooker shook Payne to his heels in the first heat. Rusty buckled Hooker's knees in the second. They slugged each other silly in the third. Payne took the lead in the fourth and fifth with uppercuts to the jaw. Hooker kept winging 'em, but Rusty sidestepped Ralph's haymakers. Payne floored the Omaha slugger in the sixth for a seven-count. When Hooker arose groggy, bleeding and with his left eye completely closed, Referee Lee Ramage ended it.

Other results: Al Morey, San Diego, defeated Eddie Sparks, New Haven, in a slugging semi (6); Roland Cannon, Seattle, decisioned Chivo Amador, Mexicali (6); Al Cota and Tomas Varga drew (4); Lee Walker iced George Joseph (1).

In a bout that lacked much of what is expected of the boxers on the big-time circuit, Alfredo Escobar punched out a wide margin over Ruben Rivers at the Hollywood Stadium. Rivers did little offensive fighting and Escobar was off on his timing and lacked his usual fire. His manager, Lee Boren, explained that the boy was not well on this night.

Escobar forced the milling, but did a great deal of missing. Alfredo muffed a chance for a kayo in the second when he dropped Rivers. Although he arose immediately, Ruben was hurt, but Escobar failed to follow up. Alfredo punched Rivers limp in the fifth, but came out listless in the sixth (it was at this stage of the fight that Escobar became sick to his stomach) and Ruben landed a few solid rights to win the only round he was credited with.

Escobar forced Rivers around the ring all during the final three rounds with a body attack. This observer had Escobar winning seven of the ten rounds, tabbing two heats even. Each weighed 131.

In the semi, Freddy Herman, 135, won by a T.K.O. over Lou Fillipo, 134, in the fourth round, due to an eye cut. Herman was slightly ahead at the time.

In the prelims Dale Hall, 194, stopped Lonnie Craft, 181, in the opening round; Lawrence Brown, 146, decisioned Richard Lopez, 145, in four; Ernie Lauterio, 123, bested Chuck Wilkerson, 120, in a four; Tommy Yamaoka, 118, nodded Benny Chavez, 120, in the curtain-raiser.

Bobby Yaeger spoiled Connie Smith's ambitious entry into the main-event class by outpointing last year's Golden Glove champion in a ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Smith did well in the early rounds and had Yaeger rubber-legged in the third, but Bobby came back to cop most of the remaining rounds. Yaeger's left jabs kept Smith off balance and played him out. Each weighed 145.

In supporting bouts, all four-rounders, Richard Jones, 145, whipped Freddie Garcia, 147; Rodney Jones, 167, a real comer, made his pro debut an impressive one by defeating Shorty Morgan, 170; Benny Black, 142, won over Harold Jordan, 138; Chuck Wilkerson, 117, K.O.'ed Primo Moreno, 123, in the first round; Arthur Brown, 154, decisioned Willie Parker, 163.

A capacity crowd (thousands were turned away) was on hand to witness the return bout between Enrique Bolanos and Julio Jiminez at the Los Angeles Olympic. At the final bell of their previous clash these two sons of Mexico looked as though they had been doing it with razors. In this return go, which ended in the fourth round, Bolanos finished with his face as clean as a youngster off to his first day of school. Jiminez's features were blood-smeared from a deep gash over his right eye. And it was this difference in appearance that won the bout by a T.K.O. for Bolanos. (So, you see, kiddies, it pays to keep your face clean!)

This repeater was also a sizzling affair, with Bolanos slightly ahead at the time it was halted. Enrique staggered Jiminez with a right to the chin in the opening round. Julio brought the crowd to their feet in the second heat by spilling Bolanos with a looping right behind the ear. Enrique, seemingly not hurt, arose immediately and tore into his countryman with a vengeance, forcing Julio to give ground.

An old cut over Jiminez's right eye was opened early in the fourth round and a few more sharp lefts caused it to spout blood like an oil gusher, which prompted Referee Benny Whitman to call in the Commission doc and this almost always means "Good night, folks." Bolanos weighed 134, Jiminez 136. The gate grossed better than $28,000.

In the semi, Don Lemos, 144, decisioned Jimmy Shans, 141 (6).

In the prelims Jerry Brown, 172, nodded James Warrior, 178 (4); Rocky Haro, 127, K.O.'ed Roberto Galvan, 124 (2); Ray Louis, 150, beat Lawrence Brown, 146 (4); Henry Martinez, 135, last year's Golden Glove champion, made an auspicious debut in pro ranks by defeating Butch Maxwell, 134 (4).

Centering his attack on the midsection, Chick Musgrove, 158, San Diego, K.O.'ed Spencer Coleman, 155, Los Angeles Negro, in the ninth round at the San Diego Coliseum. It was a blistering setto and had the fans in an uproar throughout. Coleman began to fade in the fifth, when he slipped to the floor. Weak from the body beating and with left eye closed, Spencer slumped to the floor for the count early in the ninth.

Other results: Jess Richards laced Mike Rubi in the six-round semi; Cecil Schoonmaker won a close decision over Little Giant in six; Burnie Gaeta bested Lee Walker in four; Benny Black nodded Flash Gordon in four.

Some people get more work done in one-third of the time that it takes others to accomplish the same task. Now, Bobby Castro comes along and proves that a guy can do more than some other fellow, Kenny Watkins, in this instance, in one-fifth of the time. Castro gave this demonstration in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium.

Castro seldom fought longer than 30 seconds in each round, but accomplished more with heavier punching than Watkins did in the 150 seconds. Of course, being smart, Bobby did his stuff in the final 30 seconds of each heat. Had Castro put on his spurts in the first 30 seconds the result might have been different, for, there is nothing shorter than the memory of a spectator at a fight.

Castro dumped Kenny for a no-count in the second and copped a couple more of the early heats, but the clever Negro boxed Bobby's ears off in other rounds to almost even the score by the end of the eighth. It was in the ninth that the curly-headed Mexican clinched the decision by belting Watkins into a groggy condition. Castro weighed 160, Watkins 158.

In the semi, Nick Diaz, 133, and Pee Wee Swingler, 130, fast-firing southpaws, fought six sizzling rounds, with Diaz winning the final and deciding heat for a split decision.

In remaining bouts Freddie Herman, 135, whipped Al Gonzales, 140, in a six-rounder; Babe Huerta, 144, nodded Richard Lopez, 149, in four; Lonnie Craft, 177, stopped Willie Jones, 211, in the first round; Chuck Wilkerson, 117, decisioned Tommy Yamaoka, 119, in the opener.

Raul Campos, 130, Mexico City, won a split decision over Lauro Salas, 127, San Antonio, in a bitterly-contested ten-rounder at the Ocean Park Arena. Salas pumped in a lot of leather to garner the early rounds, but the heavier punching of Campos slowed the Texas buzz-saw down in the late rounds. It was later reported that Campos had suffered a fractured jaw.

In supporting bouts Cecil Schoonmaker, 120,

Negro cutie of New York, shellacked Roberto Galvan, 124, Texas, in the four-round semi; Herman Yeargin, 151, outmauled Ace Lytell, 151, in four; Harold Jordan, 138, nodded Tommy Vargas, 135, in a four; Tommy Lee James, 151, bested Arthur Brown, 151; Benny Black, 148, decisioned Cliff Barnett, 150.

The Los Angeles leather-pushers will be very much interested in the release of a movie the 20th Century-Fox are making. The company making this picture, entitled "The Street With No Name," shot scenes for two weeks in Orner's Main Street Gym. It being the only downtown gymnasium in Los Angeles it caused considerable hardship on the boxers. They had to wait until evening and try to train among a lot of movie equipment.

And adding insult to injury, it is a good bet that the picture will rap the boxing game.

Incidentally, Johnny Indrisano, former Boston welterweight, who was defeating even the champions about twenty years ago, was the technical director for the boxing scenes in this picture. Many members of the local fight game worked in the picture (as they often do), among the best known being Harold Dade, Arthur (Duke) Holloway, Larry Cisneros, Joe Stanley, Jerry McSwain and Harry Gordon.

Bob Murphy, 158, Irish icer of San Diego, stopped Ray Dioses, 157, Los Angeles, in five rounds at the San Diego Coliseum, but not with the ease in which he has disposed of others. Dioses captured the first two rounds with rights to the midsection. Murphy sent Ray reeling into the ropes with a left to the jaw early in the third, tore in with both hands and pasted the Mexican gamester for the balance of the round.

Murphy unloaded his heavy artillery to punish Dioses in the fourth and fifth rounds, but Ray fought the Irishman every inch of the way. It was a cut over the right eye that prevented Dioses from coming out for the sixth heat.

Other results: Gil Napier, a lightweight, decisioned Sid Hitchens, a featherweight, in the semi (6); Roberto Galvan K.O.'ed Torito Ortega (3); Lee Walker iced Baby Face Mathis (3); Bobby Kinder stopped Primo Moreno (1); Flash Gordon and Pedro Acosta drew (4).

Ruggedness and determination won for Freddie Beshore of El Monte over George Millich of Sacramento in a ten-rounder at the Hollywood Stadium. Millich, displaying nice footwork and a good left jab, garnered the first two rounds and gave the appearance of a man who has everything under control. But this Beshore is a husky guy who doesn't mind doing it the hard way and the picture started changing in the third.

A lot of Freddie's pitches were balls, but his steamroller attack was too much for his less-rugged foe. Millich had the best of the sixth and eighth rounds with his Tunney technique, but his light punching had little effect on the tough blond. Beshore belted the Sacramento boxer lustily in the body to win the final two heats and the nod. Beshore weighed 196, Millich 178.

In the semi, Johnny Duke, 162, Seattle, pulled a surprise in stopping Emory Jackson, 160, in the sixth round. Jackson did not show the class that he possessed when boxing around here a year ago.

In the four-rounders John Harding, 169, decisioned Johnny Gardea, 167; Benny Black, 145, nodded Lawrence Brown, 147; Hank Okura, 129, beat Dave Mendoza, 131; Cliff Barnett, 151, won over Arthur Brown, 152.

The evening started out very badly for Tommy Garland during his engagement with George Kochan at the Ocean Park Arena. At the end of the fifth round Tommy was behind on points and bleeding from a cut over the right eye. But Garland turned the tide in the sixth. Keeping the Ohio vet at arms' length, Tommy nailed him often with solid rights.

Kochan was floored early in the tenth. He regained his pins at nine, but was weak and groggy, and being unable to defend himself against further onslaught, Referee Reg Gilmore awarded Garland a T.K.O. victory.

In other bouts Jack Baxter, 200, bested Willie Jones, 210, in the four-round semi; John Kenny, 161, K.O.'ed Babe Gomez, 159, in the second; Ossie Biggie, 124, decisioned Al Arenas, 127, in a four; Arthur Brown, 153, stopped Jess Richards, 158, in the first heat; Pedro Acosta, 142, won over Henry Jordan, 141, in four.

Matchmaker Babe McCoy of the Los Angeles Olympic staged a talent show that should have produced a lot of action, as well as aroused interest in the local heavyweight division. It did neither. Something, probably the Virus X or the drought, affected the lighter performers, while the heavies—aw, your father must have told you all about heavyweights!

In the final bout Ray Stevens, 200, Oakland, won all six rounds over Jack Warren, Pasadena Negro. It looked as though Stevens was to win in the opening round when Warren, hurt, went into a shell for a full minute. The ref had every right to stop it, but didn't, and Warren was still in there at the final gong, looking as good as—er, looking no worse than Stevens.

In the other feature bout, Hoot Benson, 207, Los Angeles Negro, won all six rounds over Fred Wermy, 193, Anadarko, Okla. Wermy backpedaled and covered. The Indian rarely punched back, but when he did toss a right it always landed and shook Benson up.

In the good fight of the night, Freddie Herman, 133, Los Angeles Mexican, dished out a lacing to Jas. J. Cox, 134, Dallas, Tex., to garner the six-round decision.

In the four four-rounders, Billy Herrera, 125, won a close decision over Sid Hitchens, 128; Axel Boode, 157, nodded Willie Parker, 158; Ronald Cannon, 132, outpointed Butch Maxwell, 132; Ray Louis, 145, won over—(guess who?)—that's right, Babe Huerta, 142.

The heavyweights are the heart-breakers! Roy Stevens of Oakland and Hoot Benson of Los Angeles are the two most promising heavies in California preliminary ranks. Both box well and are terrific punchers. Stevens is more experienced and has the best record. But there are many who doubt that the good-looking Oaklander can whip Benson.

So, Matchmaker Babe McCoy puts them on the same card against two guys they should belt out, as a build-up for a clash between these two murderous punchers, truly a "natural." So, our young heroes go out and perform like a couple of louts whose amateur standing has never been questioned. A match between them today would cause no more excitement than a "No" from Molotov.

However, in spite of their showing on the night mentioned, they are still the most promising young heavies in California prelim ranks. At this writing Stevens looks the best and I believe that he will be fighting main events within another six months, if he remains active in the meantime.

It is so tough for most of the youngsters to get out of the prelim ranks, that when they are given their chance in a main event they almost always get over. It was just so with Dutch Culbertson, who was assigned a star dressing room at the Hollywood Stadium and made good at the expense of Francisco De la Cruz. It was a close, nip-and-tuck setto for the full ten rounds.

First, Culbertson would outpoint the roly-poly Mexican with some fast jabbing or well-timed uppercuts. Then Cruz would come on to slow the Negro boxer down with body blows. Cruz was a bit in the lead at the end of the eighth, but Dutch turned on the heat in the final two rounds to eke out a close decision. Culbertson weighed 180, Cruz 242.

In the semi, Mike Angustain, 158, was given a draw for winning two of the six rounds against Nap Howard, 157. Howard copped the other four heats and deserved the nod.

In the prelims Lem Thomas, 134, whipped Roland Cannon, 133, in four; Dave Mendoza, 127, bested Ossie Biggie, 122, in a four; Benny Cousins, 113, chilled Bobby Molina, 118, in the first heat; Len Marquez, 122, stopped Joe Delao in the fourth.

Local boxing managers got together in Los Angeles during the month and organized. And as on such occasions in other years, it was proclaimed that such organization was for "the betterment of boxing." Let us hope that it proves to be just that. If it does, it will be the first time that an organization of local managers or coaches have lived up to their poetic proclamations.

Other such groups, using the same constructive slogan, practised tactics that indicated they banded together merely to "gang up" on someone. There were many petty minds among the membership and most of the meetings had all the decorum of a crap game.

However, being a trusting soul, I am inclined to believe that the present group will really function for the best interests of boxing. And thinking thusly, I am attending the meetings without a knife. The organization is to be known as the Boxing Managers' Association of Southern California. The officers are George Parnassus, president; Dan Barnhart, vice-president; Jimmy Fitten, secretary.

Some of THE RING columnists have, at different times, praised certain local men for their interest in, or, support of boxing. I have often thought of doing it, but have been too lazy, up until now. I do not mean to plug some barber friend, because he has such a wonderful collection of boxers' photos, or, some alderman, because he always attends the fights, etc. (Do you recall reading some similar to these?)

There should be more merit to such praise. I intend to commend only men who have done a real service for boxing in California. In many cases, these men have received no public praise for their efforts or accomplishments, and in some instances, their names are not even known to the local followers of boxing.

An honorary Golden Glove seems to me to be an appropriate complimentary award to men who have been of service to, or instrumental in promoting boxing in our state. So, starting in the next issue, I award a Golden Glove to—?

Last month I received over twenty letters seeking information or requesting an answer that did not have a stamped, self-addressed envelope enclosed. Therefore, most of them were not answered. I repeat what I have often stated, that only the letters containing such an envelope will be answered. This writer's address is Harry E. Winkler, 1231 N. June St., Hollywood 38, Calif.

RAMBLING AROUND NORTHERN CALIFORNIA

By FRANK PENNINGTON

J. T. ROSS, San Jose's gift to west coast boxing, outpunched Oakland's Chester Slider for the ten full rounds in Dave Rosenthal's D.A.V. show at the San Jose Civic Auditorium. Ross walked off with a unanimous decision and another win to add to his sensational record. Slider, who has been in there with boys like Henry Armstrong, Sugar Costner and Willie Joyce, was completely outclassed by Ted Walker's boy. In a pip of a semi-windup, Mongo "The Rock" Luciano, 147 pound Thunderbolt from San Francisco, won over Phil Smith, 152, Berkeley, in six.

In a sell-out benefit show for the March of Dimes, Johnny Johnson, Hollywood lightweight, knocked out Wayne Sheppard, 132, Oakland, in the third round of Jackie King's show at Sacramento. Johnson is managed by Eddie (Rochester) Anderson of screen and radio fame and the likeable comic was on hand to add a bit of color to a good show. Art Soda, 146, Oakland, won over Earl Syas, 145, Oakland, in the top six-round semi.

Clever Felix Ramirez and home-town rival Felix Bueno, two of San Jose's top lightweights, staged a thrilling and vicious battle in a lively ten-round main event at Dave Rosenthal's weekly show with Ramirez finishing at a fast clip to win the unaimous decision. It was a nip-and-tuck affair with five rounds but at the halfway mark Ramirez pulled out in front and came on to win by a comfortable margin. Babe Edwards decisioned Ira Hughes in the semi-windup. Both were heavyweights from Los Angeles. The show was at San Jose's Civic Auditorium.

Lauro Salas, 127, Mexico, continued with his winning ways by scoring a decisive decision over Jackie Romero, 127, Sacramento, in a 10-round main event at the Capital City's Civic Auditorium. Salas was dropped for no counts twice in the second but came back to win the last seven rounds. Salas has lost only one bout in 15 since coming to this country and looms as one of Mexico's best. The show was promoted by Fred Pearl.

In a repeat performance and a slam-bang affair at that, J. T. Ross, 155, San Jose, knocked out "Pistol Paul" Kaylor, 154, Sacramento, in the eighth round of a thrill-packed main event at Sacramento's Memorial Auditorium after flooring the local boy five times. It was another step up the ladder for Ross who had put Kaylor away in the fourth round several weeks ago and manager Ted Walker has decided that the San Jose kayo artist is now ready for the best on the Pacific Coast. It was Ross' 18th knockout win in 24 pro bouts. The gross gate was $5100.

RINGSIDE CHATTER—Jesse Flores, Stockton lightweight contender, won over Maxie Shapiro with ease and then took the measure of Larry Cisneros the following week. . . . Fans, Managers and Promoters desiring copies of "Who's Who in Boxing" can get them from this writer . . . Frank Pennington, 742 Market St., Suite 230, San Francisco.

LITTLE RHODY'S FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS

By EDDIE BECK

GENE FARLAND, state middleweight champ, suffered a fractured knee and will be out of action for a couple of months.

Ralph Zannelli, N.E. middleweight crown bearer, is also on the sick list.

Joey Angelo is boxing in New York and Florida.

Watch Joey Marcello, local lightweight.

Due to the weather only two shows were held last month. The results follow:

Gene Farland, Providence, beat Curtis Moore, Newark, in ten.

Bobby Burton, Providence, beat Leo O'Gara, Providence, in eight.

Tony Falco, Hartford, beat Walter Stevens, Newark, in ten.

Tiger Flowers, Worcester, beat Jerry Coursol, Valley Stream, L. I., in 8.

Fighters. Good purses here. Contact this writer at 75 Waterman Ave., E. Providence, R. I.

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IN SAN FRANCISCO RINGS

By ROBERT VALLI

BEFORE anyone had settled in their seats the highly publicized Pat Valentino-Tony Bosnich heavyweight brawl was halted with a draw verdict which puzzled the big crowd that turned out to see San Francisco's arch rivals fight it out at Civic Auditorium.

Valentino, a slight pre-fight favorite, was unable to continue due to a bad cut above his eye midway in the first round. The injury occurred when the boys bumped heads in close quarters. Bosnich was uninjured.

These heavyweights clashed in a return bout and Tony Bosnich scored a close split decision over Pat Valentino at the Civic Auditorium in ten viciously fought rounds.

Up-and-coming John L. Davis, Oakland lightweight, kept his win streak intact with an impressive T.K.O. over Dave Hernandez, Los Angeles Mexican, in four rounds at the Oakland Auditorium.

Davis, who was winning handily, floored Hernandez with a left hook and was awarded the bout when the latter arose in wobbly condition. Referee Frankie Brown was third man in the ring. Weights were Davis 136, Hernandez 136½.

In a companion ten, Leonard Morrow, Oakland light-heavyweight, copped the decision over John Donnelly, Los Angeles, in a fast scrap. Morrow outboxed Donnelly most of the way to gain the nod. Morrow scaled 177, Donnelly 194.

Al Spaulding, transplanted Denver heavyweight, knocked out Al Jordon, Los Angeles Negro, in the first of another ten-rounder. Spaulding, weighing 196, floored his opponent for the full count early in the opening round. Jordon, a big disappointment, scaled 190.

Rough-house Oliver, 141, Oakland, dropped Paul Guerrero, 142, for the 10 seconds of the first of the opener with a left hook to the jaw.

Rudy Cruz, Los Angeles Mexican, made it two in a row over his northern California rival, Jesse Flores, by winning a close split decision at the Civic Auditorium on the annual *Chronicle* Christmas show card.

The two fast-stepping lightweights battled through the ten rounds without a let-up and treated the $16,615 worth of customers to a dandy boxing show.

The *Chronicle* summer camp fund was increased $7000 through this bout and the hard work of Harry B. Smith of the local sporting green. The referees donated half their purses to the cause as well as many other donations from such popular northern Californians as George Payne, Bill Kyne, Artie Samish, Joe Rolando and many others.

In the top prelim, George Evans, 172, kayoed Emory Jackson, 167, with a vicious left hook to the body in the first round. Jackson, who was outboxing Evans, ran into that murdering punch and was stretched out cold. Other results: Bob Ward won over Willie Parker in a four-rounder. Ward scored a knockdown in the first. Aaron Joshua stopped Don Cooper in the third. Bob Patterson decisioned Frankie Rao in the curtain-raiser.

Jess Flores, local lightweight contender, outclassed Maxie Shapiro, New York veteran, in a fast ten-rounder at the Civic Auditorium.

Flores, a boxing master, gave his older rival a pasting from the third round on, but was frightened in the opening two cantos. The first was even and then Shapiro opened the second with a bobbing and weaving style that befuddled the local Mexican no end. In the third, Shapiro caught Flores flush with an explosive right that dropped the latter on the deck. Jesse was up without a count and took over, winning the latter rounds handily. At best Shapiro only put on momentary rallies, while Flores scored with lefts and rights that had Maxie wobbly and buckling under wicked body blows. Shapiro was almost floored in the eighth by a hard right that sent him wheeling. The final round was a toe-to-toe dilly ending on even terms.

Preliminaries: Joe Kelly won over Leroy Willis in the six-round semi final. Larry Carter surprised by copping over Georgie Evans in a sixer. Johnny Maestas TKO'ed Ralph Harmon in two heats. Joe Torres and Earl Flynn fought to a draw.

Ringwise Bert Lytell, highly-touted Negro middleweight, made his hometown debut a huge success as he pounded out a unanimous ten-round decision over Oakland Billy Smith at the Oakland Auditorium.

Lytell won approval of the fans by copping seven rounds and looking like a complete master of the inactive Smith. Bert was one fighter who more than lived up to his press clippings.

He roughed Smith continually as well as licking him fair and square. Bert used both gloves against Smith's ears and bewildered the Oaklander by outtalking him in the clinches. The cagey Negro almost dropped Smith in the tenth after a wild rally by the loser. Weights were Lytell 162, Smith 174.

Mongo Luciano kayoed Vepe Watson in the fifth of the semi-windup after trailing in the early rounds. Richie Duane and Lee Knight battled six to a draw. Johnny O'Neill suffered a bad cut eye that halted his fray with Andy Walker in the opening round. The official called it a draw. Smiley Sponsell defeated Bobby Breen in four. Art Soto decisioned Harry Anderson in the opener.

Northern California won over their southern state rivals in a pair of matches at the Coliseum Bowl by wide margins. Zeke Lucero and Tote Martinez, two local lads on the up-beat, easily scored wins over Al Sandoval and Len Thomas, Los Angeles invaders, in the double main-event card.

Lucero stopped Sandoval in the fifth after belting him lustily throughout the abbreviated contest. Sandoval, a willing customer, was battered about with hard hooks to the head and body and was staggering on his heels when Referee Ray Flores intervened.

Tote Martinez, Lucero's undefeated stablemate, was awarded the unanimous ten-round decision over Len Thomas after a hard-fought battle. Tote piled up an early lead by outboxing his foe for the first five rounds but in the second half of the bout it turned into a punch fest. Thomas gave his local opponent a rough time in slugging exchanges. However, the steam was taken out of his blows by Martinez' early boxing lesson.

Undercard: Gil Martinez, 131, copped a four rounder from Donald Cooper, and Earl Flynn, 149, drew with Lou Jordon, 145, in the opener.

Climbing off the canvas in the first canto, Leonard Morrow, fast-rising Oakland light-heavyweight, proceeded to punch his rival, Al Spaulding, transplanted Denver heavyweight, full of holes to capture a unanimous 10-round decision at the Oakland Auditorium.

Morrow spotted Spaulding fourteen pounds, but used his superiod speed and class to bewilder the latter after an almost disastrous opening heat. Big Al started fast, dropping Morrow for nine with a left hook. However, his offensive attack was stymied when his foe quickly recovered and had Spaulding missing badly at the finish of the round. After five sessions, Al had trouble raising his big paws, while Morrow kept punching out a bigger and bigger lead. Leonard gave the Denverite a thorough pasting in the seventh but failed to bring him down. Weights were Morrow 176, Spaulding 190.

In the best of the prelim bouts, Mungo (Rock) Luciano, San Francisco slugger, kayoed Phil Smith in the third of a torrid setto. Both fighters hit their hardest with Smith being the first and last to fall. Luciano clipped the Oaklander with a wicked left hook to end the proceedings.

The semi-windup was a corker, too, when Georgie Evans, 168, survived a bad start to get the nod over Larry Carter, 165, in six rounds. Evans' body pumping had Carter on the ropes and dropped him for nine in the fourth.

Benny Walker and Melvin Bartholomew wrestled six to a draw in a poor scrap. Benny had a slight edge, but was penalized for his continued clutch stuff. Lee Knight, 158, scored a knockout over Ernie Duarte, 150, in the fifth with a long left hook to the whiskers. The house grossed $3653.

Up-and-coming youthful Dave Whitlock, Negro heavyweight, halted the attempted comeback career of Lloyd Delucchi, popular local club fighter of a few years back, by gaining a ten round decision over his veteran foe in the main go at the Coliseum Bowl.

The unbeaten Negro outscored the rugged Duh-looch at ease after a rugged opening round. DeLucchi made Whitlock wince in the first heat with a looping right hand but was never in the race after that moment though he did go the distance rather surprisingly.

Lloyd used every trick in the book on the youthful Whitlock to the delight of the fans. However, the officials thought Dave's punching was more deserving than the veteran's illegal tactics. The crowd paid $2800 to see the brawl. Delucchi weighed 176 and appeared overweight.

In a supporting tenner, Johnny Miller, 137, copped a unanimous decision over Hal Robbins. Robbins suffered a badly cut eye in the fourth round, but rallied with hard punches to scare the localite until he ran low on gas. Miller scored a knockdown in the tenth with an overhand right that kept Robbins on the floor for a nine-count. Robbins weighed 138½.

Eddie Russey, 154½, won a four-round decision from Chris Clark, 158, and Manuel Montes, 143½, won the duke over Lou Jordon, 150, in a four round opener.

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BOXING IN PANAMA

By ARTURO H. LE CONTE

SIMON VEGARA, topranking Latin American featherweight, who during his recent California campaign beat some of U.S. outstanding pugs, reappeared in his home town and stopped Featherweight Champ Sammy Medina in the twelve frame title tilt. Old man Sam got off to a good start in the first canto by dropping Vegara for a one-count. In the twelfth and final round, Medina came charging in like a mad bull as Vegara cleverly kept moving back and at the same time inflicting damage. Doctor Bissot of the Boxing Commission after examining Medina's face after the bell ended the round, ordered the bout halted during the rest period. In scaling 128 to his opponent's 123, the champ failed to make the weight limit and the bout was declared an overweight match.

Ray Nelson, 116½, dropped a hectic six round brawl by a narrow margin to Gollo Castneda, 116½. Speedy Nelson chilled Manuel Ortiz II in the first frame. Both scrappers tipped the beam at 114½. Willie Pep II, 123¾, Leo Francis' brother, won a four frame verdict over Victor Martinez, 128.

Young Finnegan, 138½, whom this writer rates as one of Latin America's leading fighters, won a ten round verdict from Max Perez, 136. Finnegan used throughout the contest a flicking left jab, a jolting left hook and a good upper-cut.

Indian Hinestroza, 133, eked out a six round nod over the veteran Chucho Ramirez, who came in at 132¾. Luis Cedeno, 119¾, hammered away at Baby Hawkin, 124¼, for four rounds to take the nod away from the Windy City fighter. Baby Quiroz, 112, was handed a surprise by Black Bill, 112, who easily outclassed him in a four-rounder.

After seven "actionless" rounds the Cesar Leal-Guillermo Andrade contest was ruled "no contest." In the semi-final bout Panama's outstanding prospect, Federico Plummer, was forced to climb off the lower decks to rock Transito Kid all over the roped circles and win a four round T.K.O. Plummer looms as our next king of the lighties. Both pugs scaled 120 pounds. Victor Ardines outpointed Kid Allen in a four rounder.

BOXING IN LIMA, PERU

By PROF. WILFRED T. STEPHENSON

PROMOTERS ALBERT BABROFF and Max Aguirre featured Al Campbell (middleweight champion from Central America, who entered the ring as a favorite), and Antonio Cavero, clever Peruvian puncher, at the Luna Park Stadium.

This ten-round bout was a hard-hitting and fast affair all the way through, with Cavero taking the lead by flooring Campbell for eight counts in the second stanza. However, Campbell came out very strong in the fifth and eighth rounds, when Cavero was seen to be somewhat in distress at the bell. In the ninth and in the tenth rounds it was plainly seen that Campbell was really sick of his aggressive contender who dropped him for the full count just before the end of the tenth stanza.

In the semi: Julio Coronado scored a sensational one-minute one-round knockout over Celestino Santana of Uruguay; and in the other bouts, Grimaldo Urlich, a welterweight with a good punch but lacking technical ability, in my opinion, beat Raul Lazo in an eight-rounder. The judges, however, saw matters in another light and decided on a draw which was unpopular with the fans.

Moises Salazar and Victor Rivas went four fast rounds, with Rivas winning in fine style on points.

A crowd of about 10,000 turned out for the January 31 show at Luna Park Stadium. Grimaldo Urlich beat Roberto Lazo, welterweight, in a rematch of six rounds.

Antonio Cavero, a new star, was given credit for a technical knockout over the Cuban middleweight, Mario Diaz, in ten rounds. The Cuban was outclassed and his seconds threw a towel into the ring as a sign of surrender.

Julio Febres and Roberto Sacco, Peruvian lightweights, displayed plenty of courage and good hitting in their ten-round encounter. Sacco was not able to go the full distance. Sacco's seconds called a halt by "throwing in the towel," to save their man from needless punishment in the eighth. This was a highly exciting encounter.

Raul Rodriguez, South American middleweight champ, failed to impress the fans with his ten-round victory over Al Campbell of Nicaragua. It was a slow affair.

A CORRECTION

In the March issue of RING, due to a breakdown at the Phelps' Printing Plant in Springfield, Mass., errors appeared that should have been caught before the issue went to press. In the bantamweight division Harold Dade is named world champion whereas the champion is Manuel Ortiz. Our apologies to him and our readers.

Likewise Harold Dado is named number 8 in the featherweight division. It should read Harold Dade. In the welter division Aldo Minelli is listed instead of Livio Minelli.

Unfortunately THE RING staff had no access to proofs which ordinarily are delivered, but due to the fact that THE RING of March had to be printed in Illinois, no such proofs were sent to us from the Springfield plant so that we could catch errors.

RING NEWS FROM FAR-OFF NEW ZEALAND

By BRIAN F. O'BRIEN

THE heavyweight situation in New Zealand, as in America, Britain, and Australia, is rather an unimpressive picture. We have a thoroughly competent heavyweight champion in Don Mullett, but his serious rivals are non-existent. It is doubtful if the heavyweight division in this country has ever been so sadly lacking in talent. This was proved at Wellington a few weeks ago when champion Don Mullett, 199, knocked out the challenger, Martin Weir, Wellington, 188, in 1.37 seconds of the first round, with a well timed right straight to the jaw. Weir has had a meteoric rise, as twelve months ago he was unheard of. A former serviceman, the Scottish born Weir culminated his quick rise by knocking out former Australian light-heavyweight champion Ern Clingan, 182, in four rounds a few months back. It was this quick disposal of Clingan that earned him the tilt at Mullett's title.

Mullett, who won the championship from Maurice Strickland in 1942, is 26, 6 ft. 3 in. in height, and packs a heavy right hand. Lack of opposition has resulted in his going rusty, but this year, with a few visitors from Australia to test him out, he has regained much of his 1942 form, which was highly impressive.

Against Weir, he proved to be in a different class. Weir opened up with some speedy boxing, but once he was hurt, lost his head and became easy prey for the champion.

The New Zealand light-heavyweight champion, Doug Rollinson, Waiuku, 168, and the Dominion's middleweight king, Roy Stevens, Auckland, who came in overweight at 166, added another chapter to their fistic duel at Petone at the opening of the Hutt Valley Boxing Association's summer season. Rollinson carried the fight to the middleweight champion. Stevens, however, proved the faster man and kept his left hand busy in Rollinson's face for most of the fight. Towards the finish, Rollinson proved stronger and ran out a narrow winner.

In the preliminary fight between Tommy Downes from Gisborne, home of Tom Heeney, and Eric O'Neill of Auckland, there was a case of plain bad matching. Downes scaled 173, and stood about 5 ft. 11, while the Aucklander weighed in at 16 pounds less and was only about 5 ft. 7 in height. Downes won on a knockout in the sixth round.

Although disqualified from New Zealand rings by virtue of his prearranged "fight" with Willie Jones some ten months ago, Bos Murphy, former New Zealand welterweight champion, intends to make the British Empire middleweight crown his goal. In his first fight in England he opposed Roy Peterson, middleweight champion of the West Indies, and Murphy gave the Negro a boxing lesson, and, following a sustained body attack in the sixth round, knocked the Jamaican out in the seventh. Promoter Jack Solomons was highly pleased with Murphy's performance, and matched him with Vince Hawkins for the latter's Empire crown and Murphy won.

Light-heavyweight champion of Victoria, Australia, Jackie Marr, a protege of Ambrose Palmer, former world ranking light-heavyweight, has made his presence felt in New Zealand rings during the past month. Opening his campaign at Mataura in the South, he knocked out young Colin Honey in the 5th round. In his second fight, he was opposed by Cliff Hanham, former New Zealand middle and light-heavy champion, who retired two years back with both titles in his possession and subsequently made a come-back. Hanham put up a great fight against young Marr, to whom he spotted 12 pounds. After 10 good rounds, the judges could not agree, so referee George Singleton, former leading heavyweight, cast his verdict as a win for Marr.

In a return fight, Marr again won a split decision from the veteran.

Paddy Slavin, 136, lightweight champion of New South Wales, Australia, opened his New Zealand campaign at Napier against Harry Hanson, youngest of the three fighting Hansons, Tommy (leading welterweight contender), Joe (killed in the Pacific War), and Harry. Slavin proved a cool customer, and clever boxer-fighter. It was a fast and furious fight. In the fourth session, Slavin got up from the floor and hung the K.O. sign on Hanson with a terrific right.

Ian Cruikshank, successor to Bos Murphy when the latter handed in his New Zealand welterweight crown through extra poundage, had his revenge on the Queensland welterweight Vince Ellul when he knocked out the Australian in the eleventh round at Dunedin recently. Ellul won a surprise decision over the hitherto unbeaten Cruikshank at Auckland a short while back, but in this return contest Cruikshank left no doubt as to who was the better man.

Syd Stevens, dynamic amateur lightweight champion of New Zealand, had his first professional contest at Pahiatua when he lost a close decision to the experienced Australian, Bobby Fuller. Fuller boxed cleverly on the retreat, keeping out of range of Stevens' vicious right swings.

Billy Aitken, ten years ago New Zealand featherweight titleholder, is seriously considering a return to fistic combat. In his time Billy was one of our finest little scrappers.

MINNESOTA NEWS

By SPIKE McCARTHY

AT the Minneapolis Auditorium on January 8 the Brown & Burke feud was renewed and as of yet nothing definite has been settled. This was Jackie Burke's third encounter with The Fighting Browns, having defeated Mel Brown, in this same Auditorium and having knocked out Mel's older but lighter brother Buzz, in St. Paul in 8 rounds. At the end of ten bruising rounds just about everyone in the crowd including Britt Gorman, one of the judges, thought that Mel had won, but when the decision was rendered, it went in favor of the smiling Irisher from Grand Rapids, Minnesota, who before entering the service, hailed from Pittsburgh, Pa. Burke didn't put up his usual great fight. He seemed stale and was unable to step around with his usual vigor. Knocked to the floor in the first round by a sharp powerful right for a count of seven, he arose only to receive a pasting the rest of the round. He came out for the second and won that one. Brown, fighting better than he has ever showed before, gave him a good going over in the 3rd and 4th, with Burke winning the 5th and Brown the 6th. Burke won the 7th with the last three going to the Negro boy.

Glen Flanagan, St. Paul's fighting Mick, knocked out Red Grant of Toledo, Ohio, in the 4th round, with a bombardment of belts to the tummy. The carrot top from The Buckeye State had given Glen quite a tussle for the first three heats.

In the six round special event, the referee, Johnny De Otis, threw Paul Darby and Deacon Logan out of the ring in the first round for stalling. The referee erred in not giving the boys a chance.

Vic Creelman, formerly of New York but now living in St. Cloud, Minnesota, substituted for Danny Martin of Detroit and was knocked out in the 6th and final round by Mel Hammond, Minneapolis's Negro belting featherweight.

Emil Evans, 145, from Lynd, Minnesota, was given the duke over Booker T. Ellis, St. Paul's Negro welterweight in another sixer. The paying boys in the balcony booed this one loud and long.

Dick Witt, 155, from Des Moines, Iowa, was the winner over Jesse Williams of Minneapolis by a kayo in the 2nd round. Jesse weighed 157 pounds.

With the wind howling in from Canada at a 55 mile an hour clip and the thermometer registering a neat 20 below zero and still dropping, Billy Colbert, St. Paul's dynamic promoter, came up with the greatest boxing show he has ever presented to the public in his 15 years as a matchmaker and promoter. In the first half of this thrill-packed double main event, Del Cockayne, the sharp-shooting youngster from Des Moines, Iowa, gave Howard Bleyhl, the Madison veteran, as neat a pasting as any one has ever caught in local fight history only to have the judges and referee give the duke to the old reliable Bleyhl. Every Twin City sports writer, including men like George Barton and Joe Hendrickson of the Minneapolis *Tribune*, Frankie Diamond of the Minneapolis *Star Journal*, Eddie T. Jones of the Minneapolis *Times*, George Edmond and Joe Hennessey of the St. Paul *Dispatch and Pioneer Press*, were unanimous in declaring the Iowa college kid the winner by a wide margin. It was a vicious hard fought eight round bout, but a surprisingly clean one.

The other half of this double decker was as roughly fought as the other one was clean with Glen Flanagan, St. Paul's Belting Celt, knocking out his Mill City rival, Norman (Whirling Dervish) Mastrian, in the 7th round of a back alley pier six brawl. There were over 5,000 paying customers with a gross of over $10,000, and figuring on the unkind deal given Little Bill, by the forces of Mother Nature, the show would have grossed over $15,000.

In the six round semi windup, Bobby Carew, a light skinned Negro youth from Des Moines, Iowa, beat the Hawaiian, Jimmy Enopia, from Oklahoma City, in a very close battle.

Fred Ford, a good looking St. Paul Negro heavyweight, knocked out Frank Jones, of Fort Madison, Iowa, in the 2nd round. Ford looked as sharp as a needle for his third straight kayo win.

In the four round opener, Dick Mays, 145 pounds, from Mankato, Minnesota, and Bob Ahearns of Minneapolis, 144, put on an old fashioned slugging bee with Mays returned the winner.

Belts from the Balcony—My Sullivan, former St. Paul welterweight and middleweight boxer of the twenties and early thirties and now a Minneapolis tavern owner, recently became the papa of an eight pound baby boy. And is the Old Kid proud!

Tommy O'Loughlin, Minneapolis manager of boxers, including Elmer Ray, announced that henceforth he will be the manager of Jackie Graves, the "Austin Atom." This bit of news came as quite a surprise, as until recently Tommy couldn't get to first base with Tony Stecher, who owns Graves.

Murray McLean, the Gray Eagle of St. Paul boxing, is now without a fighter. This is the first time in more than twenty-five years that the canny Scotsman has been without a thumper as in the past, in partnership with Mike Ferrozza, he had one of the largest stables in the Northwest country.

Earl Kane of Minneapolis, who has been connected with the boxing game here in the Northwest as a boxer, a trainer and manager for the past 30 years, suffered a stroke, which has left him in poor health. The likeable Kane was at his home when the attack occurred. Besides Del Flanagan, Earl has Jerry Slavin and formerly handled Glen Flanagan, Del's older brother, until Glen decided to do his own business, an act by the way that is panning out okay for the fast talking young Irishman.

Jerry Slavin, a youngster from the township of Hopkins which is just outside of Minneapolis, reminds this writer of St. Paul boxers of the past. Jerry is still an amateur (why I don't know) who, when you see him step through the ropes, takes you back to the memory of Jock Malone and Mike and Tommy Gibbons. How the kid can step!

Dick Demmary, the old Bismarck southpaw, who was thrilling the Twin City fistic faithful back in 1938-1941, is still on the rampage up on the broncho circuit (the Dakotas and Montana). Latest reports out of the prairie country is that he stopped Chuck Hensel, St. Paul's roughhouse middleweight, in five rounds at Mobridge, South Dakota.

Billy Colbert, St. Paul's boxing promoter, has opened up a new office here in the downtown district. Send your news to the Capitol City Boxing Club, 15 East 5th Street, St. Paul, Minnesota.

"Wild Cat Eddie Mason," former St. Paul lightweight of the late twenties and early thirties, is now the boxing coach at "The Christ Child Center" up in his old neighborhood, Bradley St. "The Old Cat" looks as trim as he did back in the days when he was the scourge of the middle-western lightweights. He has a good stable of amateur boys. His ace is Al Pedro.

Dick Ricketts, Candy Kid lightweight of the early thirties, is now the general superintendent of Brown & Biglow novelty advertising company here in his old home town, St. Paul.

At the Minneapolis Auditorium on January 29, Eddie Dumazel of Wales was knocked out in the first round of one of the poorest matches ever made in a Northwest ring. Eddie came heralded as a likely successor to other Welshmen like Jimmy Wilde, Jem Driscoll and Owen Moran, but the only resemblance to them was that he wore boxing trunks and had a pair of boxing gloves on his hands. The kid had no more right to be in the ring with Jackie Graves than Little Bo Peep would have to be in the CAGE with Bushman, that big ape at the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago. Another fight like this one and a lot of the boys will be looking in the want ads for a job.

The semi-windup was a six rounder between Eddie Marotta, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Harry LaSane, of Houston, Texas. Eddie, weighing 129, and Harry, tipping the Toledo at 133, made up for what the cash customers didn't get in the top spot. They fought like two pit bull dogs and at the end of the caper, the little gamecock from the shores of Lake Erie was given a split decision.

Mel Hammond, 125, from Minneapolis, continued his onward march to the local fistic top when he knocked out Frankie Riveria, 122½, of Kansas City, Mo., in the 6th round.

Emil Evans, 145, the old farm hand from Lynd, Minnesota, was given the duke over Ralph Myers, 153, of Detroit, in a sixer.

Jimmy Enopia, gold toothed Hawaiian battler from Oklahoma City, knocked out Bald Norman Kell of Detroit, in the 4th. They are featherweights.

In the four round opener, Pete Tucker, 129½, of Oklahoma City, knocked out Simon Olson, 129½, of Brainard, Minnesota, in the 3rd.

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By JERSEY JONES

SOL STRAUSS is beginning to feel that Bobby Burns really had something when he penned those lines about the best laid plans o' mice and men often gang aglee.

Since he stepped into the brogans of his boss, Michael S. Jacobs, Sol has been learning that the only thing certain in this boxing business is uncertainty, and it doesn't pay to cross bridges before the eggs are hatched.

Consider, for instance, the double jolt Strauss absorbed when, on the same Garden card, Jackie Cranford was plastered by Gino Buonvino and Terry Young was outhustled by Paddy DeMarco.

Sol had been nursing lofty ambitions for Cranford and Young. He was envisioning Jackie as a possible rival for the survivor of the Joe Louis-Jersey Joe Walcott encore, while Young was practically signed, sealed and all but delivered for a lightweight title match with Ike Williams.

Anyone who knew boxing could have warned Strauss not to become too enthused with Cranford. The Washington blond, with the crew haircut, may have looked impressive in disposing of poorly conditioned Bernie Reynolds, but there was nothing in his record to indicate that he could, with even a reasonable degree of success, handle himself against an opponent who combined a fair smattering of ability with strength, ruggedness, aggressiveness and determination.

Cranford is, and has been, handicapped by (a) a not too robust chin, and (b) a not too robust fighting spirit.

For a big fellow, Jackie is fast, a good boxer, and a stiff puncher. But a heavyweight who cannot "take it," and becomes discouraged when the going gets rough, is not precisely a good bet to play along with when the stakes are important.

Cranford was soundly trounced by Buonvino. Not that the Italian is any great shakes as a fighter. But he is tough, durable and persistent, and fights back harder when hit.

It is unfortunate that Gino lacks a real punch. He has a busy style that catches the fans' fancy, but while he tosses gloves in profusion, there is little authority behind them.

Still, they didn't need much authority to explode the Cranford bubble.

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AS this is being written, Buonvino's win over Cranford has earned for the Italian a date with Joe Baksi in the Garden.

We'll say here and now that it behooves Baksi to be in considerably better condition for this scrap than he was for his sloppy affair with Olle Tandberg in Stockholm last summer. If Joe is "right," he'll whip Buonvino handily enough. But if he isn't, he'll be in for a decidedly rough evening.

Meanwhile, Strauss' plans for Young to meet Ike Williams in a lightweight title argument may yet materialize, if Terry can whip DeMarco in their return engagement, which became inevitable after the rousing, dingdong battle the rivals uncovered.

Because of DeMarco's age—Paddy was three weeks short of his 20th birthday—the scrap was limited to eight rounds, and it may have been fortunate for the rough and tough youngster from Brooklyn's Navy Yard district. DeMarco won the decision clearly enough, but he tired rapidly in the closing rounds, and had particularly rough going in the last stanza.

Since DeMarco is now eligible for longer routes, the encore engagement will be over the ten-round distance, and should favor the harder hitting and more experienced Young.

If the popular East Sider can come through this time, and whip DeMarco decisively enough, he is fairly certain to be paired with Williams in a lightweight title affair in the Garden before the current indoor season ends.

(Flash! Just as this was going to press, Strauss announced a delay in the rematching of Young and DeMarco because of an injury to Paddy's nose. Simultaneously, Terry's stablemate, Billy Graham, reported a damaged hand and withdrew from his meeting with Beau Jack. So Sol promptly rearranged his plans, and paired Young with the Beau.)

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THE passing of Danny Sullivan in Miami recalls the era of three decades ago when, with pro boxing tabu in New York, neighboring New Jersey was the nation's fistic capital, and many of the ring's outstanding battles were staged in Newark and Jersey City. Sullivan combined with Harry Ertle, Jim (Slim) Brennan and Henry Lewis to form one of the most capable quartets of referees the leather-pushing industry has produced. Quite a character, Danny. Not only was he prominent in boxing, but in his youth he was a movie actor with the old Biograph company; later he worked at race tracks, was conspicuous at leading night clubs in New York and Saratoga, and during the last few years of his life was "greeter" at Florida gambling casinos.

(Aside to Willie Ratner, Newark *Evening News:* Babe Culnan was not a member of the original combination that Francis Albertanti dubbed the "Four Horsemen of the Applesauce." The quartet, promoting in the Newark Armory and old Harrison baseball park, were Dave Mackay, J. Frank Black, Nick Kline and Henry Blaufuss.)

Writes Russ Clark, the Battling Thespian, from Hollywood: "I'm doing a part in 'Mr. Joseph Young of Africa.' It's a sequel to 'King Kong.' We have with us one of the most remarkable round-ups of boxing and wrestling stars ever assembled for one motion picture. Among them are Jimmy McLarnin, Freddie Steele, Maxie Rosenbloom, Primo Carnera, The Angel, Man Mountain Dean, Dan Kennedy, Jack Perry, Gene Delmont, Pal Silvers, Mushy Callahan and Joe Rivers."

Mentioning Rivers reminds us that the Mexican's manager, Joe Levy, still is active in the boxing business, after some 40 years of handling top ringmen, and promoting up and down the Pacific Coast. During his busy career, Levy has put in two stretches as matchmaker of the Olympic Auditorium in Los Angeles; has held forth at Dreamland Rink, the Coliseum and Civic Auditorium in San Francisco, and has operated at the Municipal Auditorium in Portland, Ore. Currently, chubby Joe is putting on shows in the Seattle Auditorium.

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HENNY ANDREWS, ye old Broadwayfarer, turned Syracusan, was in town recently, visiting old-time haunts, and telling all and sundry that a kid to tab is Nick Barone, 21-year-old Salt City light-heavy. A real service product. Started tossing leather while in the Marines, and did so well he decided to make a profession of it after his discharge. In his first year and a half as a pro, Barone ran off ten knockouts and six decisions against two setbacks—and squared away both defeats in return bouts. So far, Nick has done all his fighting along the Iroquois circuit—Syracuse, Binghamton, Rochester and Buffalo—but Andrews assures us it "won't be long before New York starts yelling for a peak at him."

Finally convinced that he has reached the end of his string, Freddie Archer, veteran Newark welter, has heeded Manager Willie Ketchum's advice and called it quits. . . . Al Lippe's son, Bert, who transplanted himself from New York to Baltimore five years ago, and has built himself up quite a trade there as a physical conditioner, has been licensed as a referee by the Maryland State Athletic Commission. . . . The last time they saw

Paris, a couple of Italian champs, bidding for European titles, were rudely abused by French defenders. First, Egisto Peyre, the welterweight, was stopped by Robert Villemain in nine rounds. Then, Giovanni Manca, the middleweight, was flattened by Marcel Cerdan in the second frame.

An ardent boxing fan and veteran subscriber to THE RING, Sid Goodrich, 426 S. W. Fourth Avenue, Portland 4, Oregon, has asked this department to help locate a former buddy of his, Harry Friedland, who served with him in the British Army during the First World War. "Harry and I knocked around London a bit with Ted Kid Lewis in those days," writes Goodrich. "I lost track of Friedland several years ago, but believe he is living in or near New York."

Some strange things have been perpetrated at times by American boxing commissions, but nothing that quite compares with the ruling of the British Boxing Board of Control that Rinty Monaghan is not eligible to complete for a British title because his father was born in Ireland and was not a British subject at the time of Rinty's birth!

The month's results:

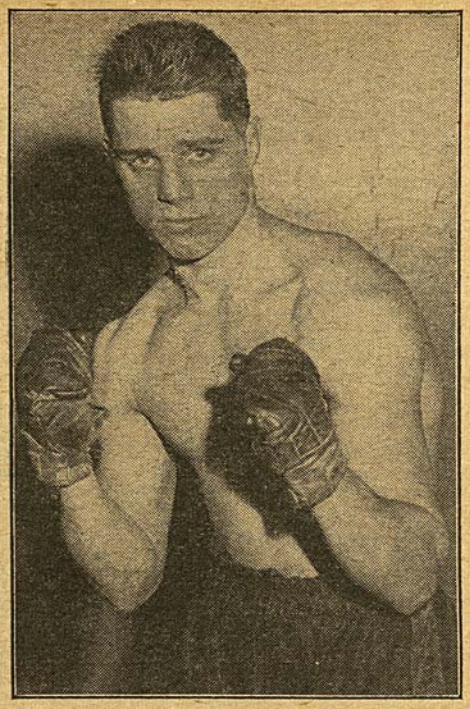
Showing in a home-town ring for the first time in three and a half years, Gene Burton of Harlem gave the folks at the St. Nick Arena ample reason to understand how he whipped Ike Williams in Chicago and Bernard Docusen in Los Angeles. A preliminary boy in his last previous appearance in New York, Burton returned as one of the finest fighting machines in the ring. While he was held to a draw in a sizzling ten by the flashy Cuban, Gerry (Kid) Gavilan, Burton uncovered a sparkling exhibition of boxing, punching and generalship. Because Gavilan was a full-fledged welter, scaling 147, Burton, a normal 139-pounder, built himself up to 143 for the bout, but the added weight proved more of a handicap than a help. After having the better of the early going, Gene slowed down in the closing rounds, and Gavilan finished strong to earn an even split. In the semi-final eight, Vic Cardell, 144½, Hartford, whipped Joe Jordan, 148½, Brooklyn. In sixes, Marcel Pacheco, 136, Puerto Rico, drew with Lou Castrilli, 134, Bronx; Bobby Polowitzer, 127½, Hartford, decisioned Filipe Gomez, 126, Mexico, and Bernie Dowd, 133½, Livingston, N. J., knocked out Roosevelt McKinney, 128½, Brooklyn, in the second. Fairest Norman, 148½, Mount Vernon, whipped Eric Myric, 150, Washington, D. C., in four.

Rated one of the top contenders for the world featherweight title, Charley Riley, 130, St. Louis, bumped into unpleasant news in his Gotham debut. He dropped a close decision to the heavier Maxie Shapiro, 134¾, East Side veteran, in ten at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Against a less "cute" and ringwise opponent, Riley probably would have shown to much better advantage. In the semi-final six, Marvin Dick, 122, Brownsville, whipped Eddie Dumazel, 129¼, Wales, while Bobby Bell, 127½, Youngstown, outpointed Charley Burton, 128½, Newark, in another six. In fours, Eddie Ocasio, 154, West Side, outscored Jerry Heimowitz, 149, Brownsville; Ray Aliberto, 161, Greenpoint, defeated Dave Carter, 165½, Bronx, and Frank Balestra, 148, Borough Hall, stopped Joe Parris, 146, East Side, in the second.

Freddie Menna, 148, Ozone Park, chalked up his third triumph within a month by punching out an easy decision in eight over Ray Jackson, 147, Harlem, at the Jamaica Arena. Jackson, a last-minute substitute for Pat Scanlon, was too much on the retreat to make it much of a contest. Tony Pelizzi, 161, Brooklyn, stopped Aubrey Barnes, 161, Harlem, in the sixth of the semi-final. The scrap, a savage affair while it lasted, was halted by the referee when Barnes was in bad shape. In a six, Billy Simmons, 136¾, Williamsburg, pulled something of a surprise by beating the favored Mario Marino, 141, Ozone Park.

The Park Arena, rapidly establishing something of a record for draw decisions in main events, came up with another when the officials voted for a stalemate between Bernie Bernard, 134½, East Side, and Eddie Compo, 127½, New Haven, after eight rounds of dull milling. Ted Murray, 145, flattened a Harlem rival, Herb Hinson, 148, in the fourth of the semi-final. George Wright, 129¼, Philadelphia, decisioned Nat Terranova, 128, Bronx, in six. In fours, John Jamison, 134¾, Philadelphia, halted Fred Nelson, 136, Chicago, in the third; Isaac Jenkins, 146, Harlem, whipped Lenny Holton, 146, St. Louis, and Jules Leonard, 160, Bronx, set a club record by disposing of Ernie Foster, 163, Harlem, in 36 seconds.

The card supporting the Laverne Roach-Tony Janiro affair in the Garden produced some of the most evenly-matched pairings of the season. Every scrap was close, and went its prescribed route. In the semi-final eight, Joe Governale, 164, Brooklyn, outmauled Lou Valles, 159¾, East Side. After a wild first round, in which he was down once and his opponent twice, Bill Poli, 157, Italy, proved a bit too experienced in six for young Al Thornton, 160¼, Rochester, Pa. In another six, Joey Carkido, 139, Youngstown, edged out Jimmy Corti, 139¼, Trenton. In a pair of fours, Bill Dowling, 137, Lakewood, N. J., outpunched Tony Moreno, 140, Mount Vernon, and Charley Titone, 122½, Brooklyn, grabbed the nod over Alfred E. Smith, 127½, Harlem. The attendance



A youngster making rapid progress in metropolitan rings is middleweight Charley Zack, a native of Scranton, Pa., now living in Brooklyn. Charley chalked up 28 victories in his first 31 bouts—and wiped out two of his defeats in return bouts.

was announced as 11,925, and the receipts at $47,702.

Rocco Rossano, 149, younger of the battling Brooklyn brothers, packed too much stuff for Jimmy Collins, 144, Baltimore, and halted him in the seventh at the Ridgewood Grove. In sixes, Pete Ferrente, 138, Brooklyn, decisioned Al Victoria, 138, Harlem, and Leroy Coleman, 158, Lodi, N. J., whipped Eddie Dutton, 160, Reading, Pa. In fours, Phil Berman, 171, Paterson, defeated Dave Carver, 167, Bronx; Buddy Gehr, 133, Ridgewood, was beaten by Johnny Jamieson, 134, Philadelphia, and Mickey Alagna, 139, Ridgewood, stopped Willie Serrano, 138, Brooklyn, in the third.

Surviving a rough first round, in which he was down for eight, and practically out on his feet at the bell, Paddy Young, 146, Greenwich Village, celebrated his first start as a main-eventer by coming from behind and punching out a decision in eight over experienced Leo Sawicki, 148, Worcester, Mass., at the Broadway Arena. Joey Brocato, 140½, East Side, was an easy winner over Tommy Mills, 145, Valley Stream, in the semi-final eight. In a third eight, Roger Whynott, 152, Canada, left-handed his way to a verdict over Willie Dooley, 150, Jamaica. Jimmy Walters, 156, East New York, was credited with a kayo over Willie Astwood, 153, Harlem, in the second; and Bill Waplis, 151, Bay Ridge, was given a disputed decision over Tony Spera, 147, East Side, in four.

A Bronx feud, brought downtown to the St. Nick Arena, uncovered a surprising victory for Dennis (Pat) Brady, 134, over Willie Beltram, 135¼, in a torrid ten. It was a vicious brawl all the way, with Beltram's desperate rallies in the last two rounds falling a bit short of evening up Brady's big early lead. Russell Howard, 146, Yorkville, outboxed rugged Vince Scapari, 147, Newark, in a lively semi-final eight. In sixes, Sol Levitt, 146¾, East Side, outpunched Earl Shaw, 146½, Boston, and Al Winn, 163½, Bronx, flattened Bobby James, 160, Chicago, in the last session. Both fours wound up in two-round kayoes, Barney Taylor, 136¾, Utica, flattening Ernie Kerber, 135¾, Jersey City, and Bill Feeney, 136½, Bayonne, icing Eldred Williams, 140¼, Brooklyn.

Billy Graham, 141¾, East Side, blew himself to a mild workout at the Park Arena by outcuffing the veteran Jimmy Joyce, 140½, Gary, Ind., before stopping him in the fifth. The semi-final also was an abbreviated affair, Berl Charity, 160, Youngstown, halting Randy Brown, 161, Mount Vernon, in the third. In a pair of sixes, Sal Ferrello, 124, Bronx, outpunched Sixto Testado, 130, Mexico, and Al Fisher, 158¼, Bronx, belted out a decision over the clouting clown, Lew Perez, 155½, Puerto Rico.

Hard-hitting Walter Cartier, 161, Mount Vernon, registered his most impressive triumph to date by stopping Billy (Killer) Kilroy, 158½, East Rutherford, in the sixth at White Plains Civic Center. Nat Terranova, 128½, outpointed his fellow-Bronxite, Wally Doktor, 123½, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Don Mogard, 187½, likely-looking youngster from Toronto, won over Reuben Cornish, 175½, Bronx, and Carroll Alexander, 126, Washington, D. C., halted Andy Hayward, 120, Newark, in the last round.

Tuning up for his battle with Terry Young in the Garden, Paddy DeMarco, 137, that rough and tough young citizen from Brooklyn's Navy Yard district, proved too rugged and aggressive for Roy Andrews, 135½, Lowell, Mass., and won in eight at Sunnyside Garden. In sixes, Charley Titone, 122, Ridgewood, beat Lew Campos, 128½, West Side; Guillermo Roberts, 131, Puerto Rico, outpointed Johnny O'Connor, 127, Cliffside Park, and Carmine DiGeorgio, 219, Long Island City, knocked out Zack Johnson, 194, Chicago, in the second.

Rapidly establishing himself as the latest fistic favorite of Brooklyn's Brownsville section, Georgie Small, 161½, found Billy Walker, 166, Saybrook, Conn., soft pickin's at the Broadway Arena. With Walker reeling helplessly before Small's vicious two-handed assault, Referee Jack Appel called a halt at 2:20 of the third. Tom McKeagney, 161, Boston, outpointed Herbie Morris, 160, Cleveland, in a dull semi-final eight. Up-and-coming Charley Zack, 153, Brooklyn, continued along his winning way by whipping Danny Ruggiero, 150, Yonkers, in another eight. Knocked down for eight in the third, Hy Melzer, 144½, East Side, came on to beat Johnny Capri, 148, Kingston in six, while Charley Brown, 159½, St. Petersburg, Fla., bested Lew Perez, 158½, Puerto Rico, in four.

Al Hersch, 151½, East Side, outpointed Frankie Abrams, 148½, Pittsburgh, in eight at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Another East Sider clicked in the semi-final eight when Jimmy Mangia, 161, outpunched Joe Bennett, 157¾, Bronx. A third eight resulted in a decision for Solly Cantor, 135¾, Canadian youngster operating out of Paterson, who outboxed Walter Keene, 140, Bronx. Henry Holly, 177½, Brooklyn, flattened Don Anderson, 177, Bronx, in the first, and Frank Balestra, 147, Brooklyn, drew in four with Lenny Holton, 147, St. Louis.

After being in tough shape in the first, Nat Harden, 139½, Harlem, came back to stop Tony LaBua, 136, Jamaica, in the second at the Jamaica Arena, but he had to do it twice before it became official. After LaBua had been down for nine, and was in a bad way, Referee Ray Miller called a halt, reconsidered, ordered the match to continue, changed his mind again and made it final this time. In the semi-windup, Teddy DiGiammo, 153, hard-belting North Bergen youngster, tacked another kayo to his fast-growing record by stopping Willie Astwood, 151, Harlem, in the second. Jim Holden, 188, Newark, won from Art Henri, 187, Springfield, L. I., in six, while in fours, Leo Perrera, 146, East New York, outpointed Frank Formichella, 145, Summit, N. J.; Jim Perrera, 127, East New York, drew with Jerome Scriven, 121, West Side, and Elie Regalle, 187, Astoria, finished Reuben Cornish, 180, Bronx, in the second.

Making his third headline appearance in a month at the St. Nick Arena, Gerry (Kid) Gavilan, 146½, Cuba, did a quick job on the veteran Joe Curcio, 149½, Newark. The affair was halted in 2:37 of the second, when Curcio was bleeding from an ugly gash over his right eye. Gavilan dropped Joe for no count in the first, and had the Newarker in trouble when Referee Frank Fullam intervened. In a torrid semi-final eight, Vern Lester (Top Row Allen), 154½, San Francisco, whipped Berl Charity, 156½, Youngstown. In sixes, Charley Babcock, 160, Bangor, Me., stopped Mike Verrengio, 164½, Coney Island, in the second, and Charley Brown, 155½, St. Petersburg, Fla., won over Johnny Long, 151, North Carolina. In fours, Carl Taulman, 141½, Cliffside, N. J., outpunched Frank Formichella, 144½, Summit, N. J., and Don Mogard, 187, Toronto, halted Zack Johnson, 187, Chicago, in the third.

Johnny Dell, 134, Brooklyn, won decisively over Jose Aponte Torres, 128½, Puerto Rico, in a bruising eight at the Ridgewood Grove. In the semi-final eight, Sid Haver, 147, Brownsville, grabbed the nod over Pete Manchio, 143, Bronx. In a six, Fairest Norman, 148, Mount Vernon, whipped Wally DiMaio, 149, Queens, while both fours wound up in knockouts, Steve King, 191, Brooklyn, flattening Earl Turner, 200, Cincinnati, in the first, and Isaac Jenkins, 143, Harlem, stiffening Leonard Lucas, 145, Brooklyn, in the fourth.

Chalking up a six-count knockdown in the second, and adding steadily to his lead, Buddy Holderfield, 144½, Little Rock, Ark., whipped Ruby Kessler, 147½, Brooklyn, in decisive style at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Dom Marchese, 140, of Brooklyn's Red Hook section, earned a hard-fought decision over Johnny Darby, 142½, Paterson, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Ray Solomon, 146½, Brooklyn, stopped Willie Dooley, 152½, Jamaica, in the second, and Billy Forde, 129½, Brooklyn, whipped Jimmy Perrera, 124½, East New York. Lenny Holton, 146, St. Louis, decisioned Bob Miller, 147½, Harlem, in four.

In a scrap that bristled with action all the way, Danny Kapilow, 156, Brooklyn, edged out a split decision over Tony Riccio, 151½, Bayonne, in ten at the St. Nick Arena. The voting was close, the two judges, Sam Cohen and Charley Shortell, scoring for Kapilow, while Referee Jack Appel saw it for Riccio. In a slow semi-final eight, Perk Daniels, 208½, outfumbled William Brown, 189, Bronx. In sixes, Andy Drachmas, 145½, a regular performer at the club, outpointed Henry Johnson, 138½, Detroit, and Nat Terranova, 133½, Bronx, drew with Guillermo Roberts, 132½, Puerto Rico. Barney Taylor, 135, Utica, stopped Eddie Dorsch, 136, Brooklyn, in the second, and John De Fazio, 130, Bayonne, outpointed Johnny Salamone, 125, Bronx, in four.

The feud between Nat Harden, 141, Harlem, and Tony LaBua, 134½, Ozone Park, resumed at Sunnyside Garden, where the rivals finished on even terms in six. The draw represented progress for LaBua, who had been beaten and knocked out in two previous meetings with Harden at Jamaica. Both supporting sixes wound up in two-round knockouts. Lester Selton, 140½, Detroit, stopped Eddie White, 139, Jamaica, and Andy DePaul, 150½, Cliffside, N. J., did likewise to Earl Shaw, 146, Bronx. In fours, Jay Parkin, 136½, Philadelphia, outpointed Bill Dove, 141, Cliffside; Marcel Therreault, 131, Canada, whipped Filipe Fernandez, 136, Mexico City, and Roosevelt McKinney, 131, Brooklyn, decisioned Mickey DeMilan, 132, England.

Down twice in the first, Gene Boland, 158, Detroit, bounced back to outpunch Joe Bennett, 158½, Bronx, in a slam-bang eight at the White Plains Civic Center. In the semi-final six, Jimmy Tarangelo, 138, Greenwich Village, outpointed Frankie Dell, 141, Brooklyn, while another six produced a decision for Pete Ferrante, 139, Brooklyn, over Walter Keene, 144½, Pittsburgh. In fours, Eldred (Fox) Williams, 139¾, Harlem, outpointed Mario Moreno, 140½, Ozone Park; Mike Carney, 160, Long Island City, whipped Angelo (Caggy) Savia, 158½, Port Chester, and Henry Schillizzi, 128, Bronx, drew with Tomas Vargas, 123¾, Harlem.

Georgie Small, 159, the Brownsville Bomber, tacked another win to his fast-growing list by belting his way to a unanimous decision over Jimmy Mangia, 159, East Side, in eight at the Broadway Arena. Hard-hitting Charley Zack, 152½, Brooklyn, dropped Bob Marshall, 148½, Cincinnati, in the first and second, then finished him in the third of the semi-final. Marvin Dick, 122¾, Brownsville, stopped Tim Healy, 118¾, Williamsburg, in the fourth. Jerry Heimowitz, 149, Brownsville, drew with Leon Hooks, 144½, Jamaica, in four. One-round kayoes wound up two other prelims, Vinnie Melito, 140, Ozone Park, flattening Ernie Kerber, 139½, Jersey City, and Murray Diamond, 122½, stiffening his East Side rival, Lou Estrada, 120½.

One of the real surprises of the season was registered at the Park Arena when Ross Anzalone, 144, Bronx, stopped Joey Lucignano, 149½, Hoboken, in the third. It was the first K.O. chalked up against the flashy Jerseyite in some 40 bouts since his discharge from the Army. Referee Barney Felix halted the affair after Lucignano had been floored for the third time. In a co-feature eight, James Carter, 134½, Bronx, packed too much stuff for Thompson Harmon, 138, Harlem, and won handily. In a six, George Wright, 125½, Pittsburgh, punched his way to a decision over Filipe Gomez, 126, Mexico.

Mike Filipo, 161, Bronx, required less than two rounds to finish off Joe Quartz, 158½, Passaic, in a show featuring up-and-coming youngsters at the Jamaica Arena. Over the six-round route, Greg Gomez, 139½, Harlem, whipped Paul Patesco, 138½, East Side, and Billy Jacobs, 177½, Harlem, decisioned Johnny Stevens, 171, Bronx, while James Herring, 151, turned in a quick job on a fellow-Bronxite, James Colbert, by flattening him in the first.

In one of the sixes supporting the Buonvino-Cranford and DeMarco-Young battles in the Garden, Roland LaStarza, 185½, likely Bronx youngster, ran off his thirteenth straight win as a pro by giving a boxing lesson to Mike Belluscio, 206, Harlem. In another six, Earl Hugg, 132, Camden, decisioned Theodore Davis, 134, Cincinnati. In fours, Johnny Bassett, 167½, Burlington, Vt., defeated Richie Dallas, 162½, St. Louis, and Leroy Coleman, 157, Cliffside Park, flattened Ralph Burnley, 152½, Philadelphia, in the first. The attendance was announced as 16,247, and the gross gate $64,836.

The veteran Al Pennino, 133, of Brooklyn's Red Hook district, had an easy time with Pedro Biesca, 134, Mexico, at the Ridgewood Grove. Pennino outclassed Biesca all the way, and stopped him in the ninth. In sixes, Charley Harris, 134, East Side, halted Larry Morgan, 141, Brooklyn, in the second; Johnny Marino, 135, Brooklyn, defeated Sixto Testado, 133, Mexico, and Jimmy Hegeman, 128, Brooklyn, whipped Mannie Torres, 136, Phoenix, Ariz. In the opening four, Jimmy Pierra, 125, Brooklyn, stopped his borough rival, Roosevelt McKinney, 129, in the second.

Squaring accounts for a previous defeat, Johnny Dell, 134½, Brooklyn, outmauled Johnny LaRusso, 136, Bronx, in a bruising ten at the St. Nick Arena. In the semi-final eight, Solly Cantor, 136¾, up-and-coming Canadian, now operating out of Paterson, edged out Jimmy (Dummy) Arnest, 136½, East Side. In sixes, Sol Levitt, 146, East Side, drew with Earl Taulman, 144¾, Piermont, N. J., and Lou Castrilli, 131½, Bronx, whipped Freddie Nelson, 135¼. Leon Hooks, 145¼, Jamaica, seemed to have the better of his four with Jerry Heimowitz, 148¾, Brooklyn, but the verdict was a draw.

Polishing up for his brawl with Beau Jack in the Garden, Billy Graham, 142, East Side, tossed a boxing lesson into Patsy Brandino, 143¼, Hamilton, Canada, in ten at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Charley Titone, 122, copped the decision over his Brooklyn rival, Marvin Dick, 123, in the semi-final six. Fitzy Pruden, 140½, St. Catherines, Ont., polished off Oscar Lewis, 136½, Newark, with a left hook in the first. Billy Downing, 137¼, Lakewood, N. J., stopped Johnny Jamison, 134½, Philadelphia, in the second, and Fred Montforte, 130½, of Brooklyn's Red Hook district, halted Tomas Vargas, 127, Mexico, in the fourth.

Maintaining its reputation for uncovering upsets, the Broadway Arena delivered another one when the heavily-favored Danny Kapilow, 154¼, Brooklyn, was beaten in ten by Joe Falco, 155½, Philadelphia. Kapilow got off to a fast start, and piled up a big lead in the first four rounds, but started to fade in the fifth, and from then on it was all Falco. In the semi-final, Joey Brocato, 140¾, East Side, registered one of the fastest kayoes in the club's history when he stiffened Jay Parkin, 135½, Philadelphia, in 29 seconds. Leo Lebrun, 125, Bronx, scored three knockdowns in beating Val Valentine, 122½, Montrose, Colo., in six. Another scheduled six, between Maurice Lavigne, 146½, Montreal, and Ray Grenot, 145½, Cuba, was called no contest in the fourth. Jimmy Taylor, 160, Boston, won over Lew Perez, 156, Puerto Rico, in four.

The White Plains Civic Center has been a happy hunting grounds for Gene Boland, the Scranton-Detroit middleweight. In blasting his way to a decision in eight over Frankie Cordino, of Toronto, Boland ran off his seventh main-event win at the Westchester club in less than a year. Boland scaled 152½ to Cordino's 150½. In the semi-final, Lou Prince, 134, Princeton, N. J., was credited with a kayo when Donald Murray, 138, New Rochelle, was unable to come up for the fourth. Ray Edwards, 125½, Jamaica, knocked out Eddie Drake, 124½, New Haven, in the fourth, and Vinnie Melito, 139, Bronx, decisioned Art Garcia, 136, New Haven, in four.

Willie Beltram, 138½, Bronx, packed too much stuff for Joey Carkido, 138¾, Youngstown, and won decisively in ten at the Park Arena. The bout was slow for the first half, but Beltram put on the pressure in the closing rounds and won all by himself. In the semi-final, Eugene (Dummy) Hairston, 143, Bronx, posted another quick win by polishing off Leonard Lucas, 140, Harlem, in the third. In other numbers, Marcel Therreault, 131, Canada, punched out a decision over Nat Terranova, 130½, Bronx, in six; Carmine Zingo, 190, made bingo of Earl Turner, 198, Cincinnati, in the first, and Billy Giovanni, 162½, Garfield, N. J., outpointed Joey Farrell, 164¾, Bronx, in four.

The latest heavyweight arrival from South America, Alfredo Lagay, 186, Argentina, celebrated his New York debut by punching out a decision in eight over Roy (Five-by-Five) Thomas, 203, Brooklyn, at Sunnyside Garden. Lester Felton, 138½, Detroit, outpointed Isaac Jenkins, 141¼, Harlem, in the semi-final six. Carmine di Georgio, 215, Long Island City, outslugged Jimmy Scherer, 189, Yorkville, in another six. In fours, Lou Russo, 147, Astoria, defeated Jimmy Mickens, 143¾, Washington Heights; Billy Forde, 129, Brooklyn, outpointed Nick Meola, 128¾, East Side, and Ray Edwards, 129½, East Side, halted Willie Smith, 130, Norfolk, Va., in the third.

Twice hammered to the canvas in the first—for counts of nine and eight—practically out on his feet at the end of the round, Eddie Giosa, 188¾, Philadelphia, staged a gallant uphill fight that came within an eyelash of catching Rocco Rossano, 144, Brooklyn, in a hectic ten at the St. Nick Arena. The verdict, to Rossano, was of the split variety. Referee George Walsh and Judge Harold Barnes voting for Rocco, while Judge George Lecron favored Giosa. In the semi-final eight, an all-Canadian affair, Wilfred (Fitzy) Pruden, 141, proved too strong for Jerry Coursol, 146½. In sixes, Dom Marchese, 147½, Brooklyn, edged out Joe Martino, 148, Newark, and Billy Downing, 136, Lakewood, N. J., decisioned Mario Moreno, 141, Ozone Park. Fours resulted in verdicts for Fred Montforte, 134½, Brooklyn, over Barney Taylor, 134¼, Utica, and Billy Forde, 129½, Brooklyn, over Mickey Meola, 128, East Side.

The "March of Dimes" was enriched by some $1,300 from a Ridgewood Grove show that featured a decisive win in eight for Paddy Young, 146, Greenwich Village, over Sid Haber, 146, Brooklyn. Young chalked up knockdowns for four in the second and nine in the fifth. In another eight, Al Guido, 144, Harlem, stopped Al Victoria, 139, Bronx, in the fifth. In sixes, Ivor Fredericks, 121, West Side, won over Eddie Smith, 127, Harlem, and Charley Donovan, 138, East Side, flattened Johnny Kotsis, 135, Montreal, in the third. In the opening four, Fairest Norman, 147, Mount Vernon, stopped Lenny Holtin, 146, St. Louis, in the third.

The veteran Puerto Rican middleweight, Jose Basora, 161, proved an able substitute for Steve Belloise by stepping in on short notice and blasting Joe Reddick, 166, Paterson, to defeat at the Eastern Parkway Arena. Referee Ruby Goldstein halted the one-sided affair in the sixth to save Reddick from further punishment. Knockouts also wound up all the supporting numbers with the one exception of a four in which Vinnie Melito, 139½, Ozone Park, decisioned Jimmy McNaid, 137, Harlem. In the semi-final, Charley Babcock, 167½, Bangor, Me., finished Richie Dallas, 165, Chicago, in the fourth with what appeared to be a low blow. Vinnie Cidone, 157½, Coney Island, flattened Johnny Harris, 156¼, Bronx, in the second; Arthur Skinner, 156, Philadelphia, halted Bill Astwood, 153¼, Harlem, in the third, and Joe Micelli, 140, East Side, polished off Felipe Fuentes, 135, Mexico, in the third.

Pressing his campaign to force Champion Willie Pep into a match for the featherweight title, Joe (Sandy) Saddler, 129½, Harlem, tossed a thorough lacing into Joey Angelo, 134½, Providence, in ten at the St. Nick Arena. In the semi-final eight, Tommy Collins, 126½, Boston, stopped Jimmy Callura, 125, Hamilton, Ontario, in the fourth. In sixes, Sixto Tostado, 134½, Mexico, outpointed Nat Terranova, 129, Bronx, and Tito Valles, 127½, Bronx, defeated Guillermo Roberts Puerto Rico. Knockouts abbreviated both fours, Gene Salisbury, 144½, North Bergen, N. J., halting Mike Valez, 141, Puerto Rico, in the second, and Lew Perez, 156¼, Puerto Rico, flattening Roscoe Lay, 156½, Bronx, in the first.

The stronger finish of Johnny Williams, 140, Montgomery, Ala., probably influenced the officials in awarding him the decision over Buster Tyler, 143¾, Miami, in a furious eight at the Broadway Arena. The scrap was so close and bitterly fought all the way that a draw would have been a more logical verdict. Jules Rinaldo, 155¾, Bronx, came up off the floor in the first to punch out a win over Mike Santonino, 154¾, Corona, in the semi-final six. In other sixes, Jimmy Terangelo, 140, Greenwich Village, whipped Mario Moreno, 141, Ozone Park, and Marvin Dick, 124, Brownsville, needed only 41 seconds to belt out Gabriel Ries, 116½, Puerto Rico. In fours, Fox Williams, 139¾, East New York, outfumbled Willie Smith, 140½, Harlem, and Angel Ayala, 131¾, West Side, stiffened Mickey DeMilan, 133, England, in the first.

Too clever and ringwise for his opponent, George (Sonny) Horne, 163, Valley Stream, boxed his way to a unanimous decision over Jack Kenny, 163¾, Livingston, N. J., in a fast eight at Sunnyside Garden. In sixes, Andy DePaul, 150, Cliffside, N. J., stopped Johnny Long, 150½, Raleigh, N. C., in the fifth, and Felipe Gomez, 127½, Mexico, outpointed Ray Edwards, 126¾, Jamaica. In fours, Mel Williams, 147½, Trenton, decisioned Jimmy Nickens, 142¾, Bronx; Billy Forde, 129¾, Brooklyn, grabbed the nod over Henry Schillizi, 128¾, Middle Village, and Bobby Blue, 130, Astoria, flattened Johnny Jamison, 134, Philadelphia, in the second.

The visiting Englishman, Laurie Buxton, 141, tossed something of a shock into Bronx fans by punching out a decision over their popular young favorite, Frankie Palermo, 142½, in a hard-fought eight at the Park Arena. In the semi-final, Angelo Morganti, 143, Astoria, packed too much power for Johnny Capri, 148, Kingston, N. Y., and stopped him in the fourth. In other prelims, Roy Carter, 150, Harlem, knocked out Wally DeMaio, 150, Brooklyn, in the second, and Carmine Vingo, 190, promising Bronx heavy, punched out a decision in four over George Washington, 187, Brooklyn.

Freddie Menna, 147¾, Jamaica, put a halt to the winning streak of Nick Mistovich, 147, Youngstown, by pounding out a decision in eight at the Jamaica Arena. It was Mistovich's first defeat in a year, and over that stretch the Ohioan had run off 18 straight wins. Two Ozone Park favorites turned in knockouts in supporting matches, Al Smith, 131, flattening Bill Hilliard, 132, Passaic, in the fourth, and John Hewitt, 152, belting out Lou Owen, 156, Chicago, in the second.

As possible future opponents of Ray Robinson, Bernie Docusen, 143¼, New Orleans, and Gene Burton, 142¼, Harlem, turned in a thorough job of eliminating each other in the Garden. Docusen was awarded the decision after ten dreary rounds, but the bout was so boring that the fans didn't seem to care particularly who won. The action missing in the finale was amply supplied by two other tens, in which Kid Gavilan, 144, Havana, turned loose a brilliant performance in taking every round from rugged Vinnie Rossano, 149½, Brooklyn, and Charley (Zivic) Affif, 154½, Pittsburgh, tossed too many left hands for Herbie Kronowitz, 160¼, Brooklyn. In a pair of fours, Billy Downing, 136¾, Lakewood, N. J., trounced Tony Moreno, 141, Bronx, and George Wright, 127½, West Side, decisioned Marcel Therreault, 130¼, Montreal. The attendance was 15,047, and the gross receipts $59,422.

BUFFALO, N. Y.
By HUGH SHANNON

PHIL MUSCATO won the unanimous decision over Joltin' Joe Matisi in Buffalo's big bout of the season which Jack Singer presented at Memorial Auditorium. It was one of the greatest fights your correspondent has seen in many years and how the fighters stood the terrific pace was mystifying.

Although Matisi was down for counts in the first round for "eight" and in the third round for "nine" it was the Endicott, N. Y., heavyweight who was forcing and winning in the tenth round when Muscato had a tough time weathering a barrage of punches. However, there was no question about the decision. Muscato won fairly and in at least six rounds proved Matisi's superior.

Promoter Singer announced that 11,541 fans paid a gross of $28,148.75 to see the battle. Net receipts were $21,540—the biggest gate for a fight in Buffalo's new auditorium. Largest gate in Buffalo's history was the Jimmy Slattery-Lou Scozza light-heavyweight title match back in 1930. This setto drew $67,000 and was staged at the old Broadway auditorium.

The Hudson club's prelims were exciting. Johnny De Nero, 176½, Rochester, knocked out Pvt. Bob Clark, 195½, Pittsburgh, fifth round; Petey Zaduk, 159, Toronto, outpointed Claude Flager, 157½, Buffalo, six rounds; Willard Coffey, 147, Huntington, W. Va., scored a victory over Sunny Hampton, 138, Buffalo, six rounds; Billy Adams, 163½, Buffalo, won by K.O. over Bill Jackson, 154, Huntington, first round; Frankie BiFulco, 125½, Buffalo, whipped Mickey Harris, 120½, Cleveland, four rounds.

Joe Muscato won another decision over Teddy Randolph at New Haven, Conn., on Jan. 19. Muscato scored a couple of knockdowns over the elusive Teddy.

Jack Singer will use Willie Pep in a big match here this spring and the Fairview club, according to Matchmaker Charlie Pinto, will have Sugar Ray Robinson. Evidently Buffalo fans will see some real fireworks this spring.

IN SHORT METRE—Henry Flakes dropped a decision to Colon Chaney at Akron, O., on Jan. 20 . . . Henry made a good showing nevertheless and is slated to meet Pat Comiskey at a later date . . . Johnny Green whipped Mayhew Smith of Philadelphia by K.O. in six rounds at Scranton on Feb. 1 . . . Jack Singer will try to build up Joe Muscato into a card again. Since Joe twice whipped Teddy Randolph and is back in good condition, Singer believes that he can bring in topnotchers for the sergeant.

Bob Nappo, popular young fight manager, has a promising youngster in Dick Robinson, who has won ten out of eleven fights. Robinson is only 18 but looks like the real goods.

Making his first Buffalo appearance on January 13 at the Fairview A.C., Jimmy Bivins handed big Johnny Shkor a clouting in ten rounds. Bivins received the unanimous decision of the officials. Shkor has shown better in Buffalo than he did against Bivins but the cagey Ohio scrapper knew too much for the tall lad from Boston. Bivins is still a very good fighter and will be seen here again soon.

Charlie Pinto's preliminary card was chock full of smaller men. Joe Tambe, veteran featherweight, beat Frankie Castro of Cuba in six sessions; Columbus Lowman trimmed George Kularik of Cleveland at welterweight; Rocky Bonacci, Syracuse, scored a K.O. over George Moses in the first round; Fritzy Pruden, St. Catherines, Ont., weighing 141, stopped Glen Massey, 149, in one round.

Paid attendance was 5,386, with a gross gate of $11,888 and a net of $9,487.22.

Marty Montforte, tall young Binghamton heavyweight, has won several good fights in Canada and may get a main event in his home town in March. Marty has been making Buffalo his headquarters.

Ed George is staging some great wrestling shows and is drawing very well with his Great Lakes club. Among the grapplers showing here are Bob Wagner, Frank Sexton, Willie Davis, K.O. Koverly, Lou Theiz, Pat Flanagan, Whipper Billy Watson, Primo Carnera and other topnotchers. Rochester and Syracuse are also drawing big crowds.

Good wrestlers, heavyweights, light-heavies and middleweights, who wish to work in a new circuit should write Hugh Shannon, 299 Maple Street, Buffalo 4, N. Y.

Buffalo is one of the best boxing towns in the country as was evidenced when Joe Matisi and Phil Muscato grossed $28,000 in their recent melee. Heavyweight boxers who can fight and are free lances should communicate with Hugh Shannon at the above address.

BOXING BITS FROM VIRGINIA
By JACK LEVINSON

SLUGGER "BULLDOG" RUTHERFORD, 155, of Huntington, W. Va., pulled somewhat of a surprise by scoring a 3 round K.O. over promising Don Krupin, 154, of Roanoke, Va. The show was promoted by the Magic City Club in the American Legion Auditorium. Bulldog hit Don with a terrific right in the midsection, and ended hostilities after 2.14 of round three.

Joe Casey, 135, of Rocky Mount, N. C., won by a T.K.O. in the 5th over Rufus Granger, 134, of Roanoke, Va. Granger was on the floor too numerous times to count. Lou Yonkers, 118, of Covington, W. Va., won in 6 over Don Smith of Cheyenne, Wyo.

Donnie Campbell, 130, of Roanoke, Va., won the decision in four over Sam Clifton, 134, of Danville, Va. R. C. McNew, 140, of Roanoke, Va., won in four over Jumping Joe Doss, 138, of Roanoke, Va. Kid Arnold, 118, of Roanoke, Va., walked into a stiff right of "Pee Wee" Burgess, 118, of Roanoke, Va., and lost via the K.O. route in 30 seconds of the 1st.

Willard Coffey, 147, of Beckly, W. Va., was "Bulldog" Rutherford's fifth consecutive victim in the 10 round feature presented by the Magic City Athletic Club. Coffey was down seven times.

Lou Yonkers, 118, of Covington, won in 6 over Don Smith, 120, of Cheyenne, Wyo. Don Krupin, 152 lbs., of Salem, Va., K.O.'ed Pat Arbuckle, 155, of Indianapolis in 1.15 of the first round. Andy Calloway, 135, of Roanoke, Va., won by a K.O. in the 1st over Rufus Granger, 134, of Roanoke, Va. Buck Brown, 140, was awarded a T.K.O. over R. C. McNew, 142 lbs., in the 2nd of a scheduled four. Both are Roanoke boys.

Norment Quarles, a star welterweight of the early 30's, and a former member of Chris Dundee's stable, is now practising chiropody besides being the matchmaker for the Hendersonville, N.C., boxing club.

Remembered for his sensational bouts with Dewey Harris, former middleweight champion of Virginia in 1940. Roy Potter, now a disabled war veteran, lives in Santa Montica, California, where he manages a few star amateur boxers.

Professional boxing will be resumed in Norfolk by time this column reaches the press. Ezra Summers, local sportsman, and Ruben Shank, former middleweight contender, will present the new shows. Address all correspondence to the Empire Sports Corporation, 312 Main St., Norfolk, Va.

Any information regarding this area, can be obtained by sending self-addressed envelope to Jack Levinson, 128 W. 10th Street, Norfolk, Va.

WEST VIRGINIA NOTES
By MICKEY DAVIES

WE recently had the pleasure of meeting Ted Ball, one time southern fistic great, and today one of the country's most successful "small circuit" promoters. Ted holds forth in his home town of Asheville, N. C., and to date has staged 38 consecutive shows in the beautiful and spacious auditorium. He boasts of operating the finest boxing gymnasium in the South.

In out of state matches, Willard Coffey trounced Sonny Hampton at Buffalo. Jesse (Topper) Underwood stopped Joey Faiello in three, after dropping the Pittsburgher five times. A few days later the "Topper" shellacked Tommy Kilpatrick in 10 rounds at Asheville. Coffey and Underwood can be booked through your writer.

We predict that the following boys will hit the big time in the next year: Jesse Underwood and Willard Coffey of West Va.; Lester Felton and Harold Guss of Detroit; Jimmy Sanders, of Pittsburgh; Lee Sala of Donora, Pa.; Joe Greene and Lem Smith of Asheville, N. C.; Pat Richards, Ohio, and Joe Discepoli and Pat Iacobucci, of Cincinnati. These youngsters all have the necessary weapons to reach the top.

The mountainous state of West Virginia, famous for its output of coal, also has developed some very competent ringmen during the span of a few years. Perhaps Big Bob Martin was the most popular biffer ever to come out of this state. However, such boys as Hilton (Fitzie) Fitzpatrick, Johnny Roberts, Russ Rowsey, Dick McDonie, Johnny Edwards, Kid Cook, Pedro Lopez, Bobby Grant, Frank Ryan, Dick Pogue, Big John Parker, and Lonnie Bowden, also have made quite a name for themselves in the squared circle.

Today, the mountain state is buzzing over the progress being made by newcomers, Jesse (Topper) Underwood, Huntington lightweight, who has won 37 bouts; Willard Coffey, a 145 pounder from Charleston, Johnny Protan, a corking good little bantam from Highcoal, and Red Bineyard, a slam-bang lightheavy from Wheeling. And too, there is Howard Faulkiner, claimant to the state welter title, Sterling Willey, a good lightweight, from Huntington, as well as Sparky Reynolds and Tommy Saunders, who are now campaigning in the Mid-West.

Coffey, who returned to his native state from Chicago, is now boxing as a welter. This lad is a terrific puncher, and he has flattened over half of his opponents. Willard would like to meet Faulkiner Reynolds, or Saunders for the state welter crown.

Bineyard, a carrot-topped Negro biffer from Ohio County, is definitely the best club fighter in this sector—this boy always gives the fans a run for their dough. Red is being handled by genial George Brown of Wheeling who predicts a bright future for his ever willing charge.

As for little Johnny Protan, this youngster stands all by himself in the 118 pound bracket as far as West Virginia is concerned.

Everett (Sparky) Reynolds has been boxing all over the globe since going under the guidance of Tommy Leeper, of Indianapolis. This rugged welter has been in with some of the best talent.

In summing up the records of the boys mentioned herein, we say that the mountain state has developed, and still is prepping exceptionally good fighters.

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SOUTHERN OHIO JABS
By J. JIMMIE AMANN

PAT IACOBUCCI'S decision over Filberto Osario of Cuba and Willie Russell's surprise K.O. of Candy McDaniels were the highlight fight features of Cincinnati, Ohio, during the current 45 days.

On January 5 at Music Hall before a gross gate of $8000, Iacobucci stepped out to win a ten-round verdict over Osario.

In the supporting top bouts Carmen Iacobucci, younger brother of Pat, stepped up another notch toward main go honors when he bested Dick Armstrong in a six-round setto.

Gus Lesnevich, world's light-heavyweight champion, helped the Becker brothers' promotion by appearing in an exhibition bout with Shelton Bell of Youngstown, Ohio, which went four rounds and which gave the local boys an opportunity to see the champ in action.

Willie Russell's ten-round K.O. over Candy McDaniels was the highlight of the Harry Hartman promoted show on January 19. Russell again showed he is far superior to any other lightweight in the state. McDaniels, a rather good fighter who made quite a reputation outside his own native heath was an even money shot at ringside.

Joe Walcott the New Jersey heavyweight refereed the semi-final match between Charlie Lee of Cincinnati and Gene Cartwright of Dayton, O., which lasted a little less than a round when Lee blew Cartwright out of the picture with perfectly timed kayo punches.

Paul Cash, Dover, O., manager of Wally Unsold, former world's amateur light-heavyweight champion, has the best looking young light-heavyweight prospect in the country. Wally, turning in No. 3 pro win in as many starts, easily beat Tommy Woodward of Columbus, O. Unsold also has beaten Dick Dunningham of Albany, N. Y., and K.O.'ed Sonny McFarland of Albany, N. Y.

Eddy Miller, Dayton, O., middleweight, proved little or no opposition for tough Jackie Darthard of Kansas City in their Omaha February 3 match, Darthard winning in the first round on a K.O.

Around Fountain Square with the punchers and their pilots—The ground has been broken for the new Cincinnati Arena Gardens. . . . Present plans are to rent the Arena to any promoters who will offer stellar attractions in boxing. . . . Joe Discepoli will return to the wars late in February. . . . He has been laid up with a bad hand. . . . I am booking one of the best and strongest amateur boxing five-man teams in the state of Ohio and would like to hear from amateur promoters. . . . Mike Getz, the Cleveland, O., manager, is one of the busiest in the state. . . . Stan Hartman, Van Wert, O., 126 pounder, looked mighty good in his recent draw with Chuck McGow at Chicago. . . . I do not know why some top manager does not line up good Al Deleven of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., for a trainer. . . . Al is a No. 1 man in this line and you can contact him through me. . . . Gene Jackson of Indianapolis might have pay dirt in Francis Roy, a belter-welter with a long impressive win record. . . . This writer can be reached at 6716 Palmetto Street, Cincinnati, Ohio. . . . This address available to managers of good fighters wanting work here or elsewhere, amateur trainers interested in my dollar-a-year amateur news, the new Guide featuring 800 names and addresses of promoters and managers (pro) all over the country for a dollar, and last but not least, buy your RING early if you want to ring up with the top billing in boxing.

Laverne Roach Fighter of Month

By THE RING EDITOR

THE RING'S "Rookie of the Year," Laverne Roach, made good in the big time by outclassing Tony Janiro in ten fast rounds. This gives the young Texan a place in the select circle, as well as the honor of being named the Fighter of the Month.

Action in all divisions was speeded up during the month with several of the leading men showing their wares. Joey Maxim, Tommy Gomez, Ezzard Charles, Marcel Cerdan, Bert Lytell, Tony Zale, Ike Williams, Willie Pep and Peter Kane displayed winning performances against good opposition. This is the first time in months that so many of the top lights have paraded before the public.

Sid Peaks, the Louisville, Ky., heavyweight, startled the fistic world by handing the highly regarded Lee Q. Murray a sound pasting before knocking him out in the third round. Peaks followed this victory by stiffening Kid Riviera in the tenth.

Sid Peaks is the lad THE RING selected as the heavyweight prospect of the month long before anyone ever heard of him. He is now rated tenth among the elite.

Two weeks after Murray was knocked out by Peaks, he was stopped by Johnny Haynes of Los Angeles in one round. The sudden crack-up of Lee Q. has startled fistic followers.

Henry Flakes produced another major upset among the big boys by taking an easy ten rounder over Pat Comiskey. This loss eliminates big Pat from the first ten.

Conditions in the heavyweight ranks are in a sad state. Louis and Walcott are the only fighters even worth mentioning as top men.

After running out of middleweight competition, Bert Lytell took on a ranking light-heavyweight and won. His victim was Oakland Billy Smith. This win gives Lytell the number two spot under Marcel Cerdan. Tony Zale dropped to third place even though he scored a quick knockout over Al Turner in his first trip to the post since losing his crown to Rocky in Chicago last year, while Marcel Cerdan, victor by a kayo in two important European battles, goes up to first place directly under the champion, Rocky Graziano.

Ezzard Charles retained his firm hold on first place in the light-heavyweight division by kayoing the capable Archie Moore in eight rounds. Moore put up a game battle, but when Ezzard connected with his deadly right, it was curtains for the Californian.

Bob Foxworth scored the best win of his short career by halting Fitzie Fitzpatrick in two rounds.

O'Neill Bell put Tommy Yarosz down to ninth place by gaining an easy victory in ten rounds.

Although Gene Burton had fought his way to a high ranking post by his thrilling draw with Gavilan Kid, the exceptionally poor showing Burton made in his fight with Bernard Docusen, prevented his staying as Number One contender for welter honors. That post goes to Tommy Bell, with Gavilan Kid our second choice, Docusen third and Burton fourth. Neither Burton nor Docusen lived up to expectations and neither is a fit opponent for Ray Robinson in a title bout.

Ike Williams was the most active among the titleholders carrying off three good victories. Ike outpointed Doug Carter, Freddie Dawson and welterweight Livio Minelli in ten rounders.

Enrique Bolanos, our number one man, stopped Julio Jiminez in four rounds.

Biggest upset in the lighter divisions was the kayo of Buddy Garcia by Paulino Montes. This win gives Montes the number eight spot and eliminates Garcia.

In the featherweight division all the leaders saw action with the exception of Sierra. Champion Willie Pep trounced Jimmy McAllister and Joey Angelo while Charley Riley lost to lightweight Maxie Shapiro. Sandy Saddler, the classy New York contender, outboxed Joey Angelo, recent conqueror of Bob Montgomery, in ten rounds.

Here are the results of the month:

HEAVYWEIGHTS

Sid Peaks knocked out Lee Q. Murray in 3 rounds and then Johnny Haynes knocked out Lee Q. in 1 round. Peaks also stiffened Kid Riviera in the tenth. Riviera beat Hubert Hood, ten.

Joey Maxim outmauled Olle Tandberg in a dull 10 rounds, and beat Bob Sikes in 10. Tommy Gomez knocked out Angel Sotillo, 7, and Joe Matisi, 8. Gino Buonvino pasted Jackie Cranford, ten.

Pat Comiskey was thrashed by Henry Flakes in 10, but the latter lost to Colon Chaney in 10. Gene Jones defeated Billy Gilliam, 10, and Billy nodded Red Applegate, 8.

Phil Muscato whipped Joe Matisi, 10. Stephane Olek won French title by knocking out Georges Martin, 1. Jimmy Bivins outpointed Johnny Shkor, 10. Arturo Godoy won over Jimmy Bell, 8. Dutch Culbertson outscored Francisco De la Cruz, 10.

Leo Matriciani stopped Leo Stoll, 2, and fought an exhibition of 4 rounds with Joe Louis. Hal Guss whipped Verne Esco, 10. Ray Stevens won over Jack Warren, 6. Harry Berntsen halted Jimmy White, 5, and George Washington, 4. George Dawson knocked out Seaman Harry Curran, 2.

Rusty Payne stopped Ralph Hooker, 6. Enrique Felipe shaded Johnny Flynn, 6, and Flynn went on to beat Bill Weinberg, 10, while Weinberg kayoed Jim Lake, 1. Carmine Vingo chilled Fred Ramsey, 1. Joe Muscato whipped Teddy Randolph, 10. Girard Wyatt whipped Zack Johnson, 4, and Zack was then stopped by Carmine DiGiorgio, 2.

Don Mogard shaded Dick Hagley, 4, and kayoed Zack Johnson, 2. Steve King stiffened Earl Turner, 1. Elkins Brothers kayoed Al Smith, 3. Hoot Benson beat Fred Wermy, 6. Perk Daniels decisioned Williams Brown, 8. Jim Holden defeated Art Henri, 6, and Mike Jacobs, 6.

Kid Roscoe defeated Noel Reed, 6. Jackie Fisher halted Roger Bisson, 2. Vince Cavaretto drew with Gibbs Pike, 8. Bill Petersen outpointed Jerry McSwain, 10.

Roland LaStarza nodded Mike Belluscio, 6. Freddy Beshore defeated George Millich, 10. Roy Hawkins halted Dee Edwards, 9. Johnny White outscored Johnny DeNero, 8. Duilio Spagnola was a victor over Harry Berntsen, 10. Johnny Pretzie decisioned Fred Ramsey, 6. Alfredo Lagay outpointed Roy Thomas, 8. Carmine DiGiorgio outslugged Jim Scherer, 6. Bill Gilliam beat Red Applegate, 8.

Joey Maxim defeated Tony Bosnich, 10.

LIGHT-HEAVYWEIGHTS

Ezzard Charles knocked out Archie Moore in 8 rounds. Billy Smith dropped a 10-round duke to middleweight Bert Lytell. Bob Foxworth knocked out Fitzie Fitzpatrick, 5. O'Neill Bell whipped Tommy Yarosz, 10. Sam Baroudi stopped Bob Satterfield, 2, and beat Frankie Best, 10. Bob Amos beat Al Johnson, 10. Charley Babcock kayoed Mike Verrengio, 2, and Richie Dallas, 4. Johnny Williams decisioned Des Jones, 8. Joe Kahut knocked out Georgie Kochan, 6. Ted Lowry whipped Saint Paul, 10. Dave Whitlock defeated Lloyd deLucchi, 10. Don Cockell drew with Jimmy Carrol, 8.

Tom Fambrough beat Tommy Ruth, 6, and Fambrough whipped Jerry Heminger in 6 and Ruth then chilled George Slater, 1. Tony Elizondo stiffened Tommy Irwin, 1, and beat Lee Campione, 10. Bobby Dare knocked out Bobby Dawn, 2. Johnny DeNero kayoed Bob Clark, 5, and beat Pat Richards, 6. Henry Holley stopped Don Anderson, 1. Red Bineyard stopped Binny Bengal, 2. Bobby Payne kayoed Jim Deckard, 3. Nick Barone halted Victor Buttin, 7.

Billy (Chicken) Thompson defeated Eddie Franklin, 8. Benny McCombs chilled Tommy Charles, 1.

Lee Campione knocked out Eddie Calecas, 4. Henry Hall outscored Wylie Burns, 10, but lost to Charlie Williams, 10. Frankie Majors beat Joey Hartfield, 6, but was stopped by Pat McCafferty, 2. Rudy Turner chilled Al Hubert, 4. Leonard Marrow whipped Al Spaulding, 10. Floyd Gibson chilled Ricardo Radelli, 1.

Eddie Dutton whipped James Johnson, 6. Dan

RING RATINGS FOR THE MONTH

Ending February 16, 1948

Heavyweights (Over 175 pounds)	Light-Heavyweights (Not exceeding 175 pounds)	Middleweights (Not exceeding 160 pounds)	Welterweights (Not exceeding 147 pounds)
World's Champion Joe Louis	World's Champion Gus Lesnevich	World's Champion Rocky Graziano	World's Champion Ray Robinson
1—Joe Walcott	Ezzard Charles	Marcel Cerdan	Tommy Bell
2—Elmer Ray	Billy Fox	Bert Lytell	Gavilan Kid
3—Tommy Gomez	Archie Moore	Tony Zale	Bernard Docusen
4—Joey Maxim	Bob Foxworth	Jackie Darthard	Gene Burton
5—Joe Baksi	Freddie Mills	Steve Belloise	Ralph Zannelli
6—Arturo Godoy	Lloyd Marshall	Jake LaMotta	George Costner
7—Phil Muscato	Dave Sands	Al Hostak	Tippy Larkin
8—Turkey Thompson	Billy (Chicken) Thompson	Major Jones	Johnny Greco
9—Jimmy Bivins	Tommy Yarosz	Anton Raadik	Livio Minelli
10—Sid Peaks	Billy Smith	Laverne Roach	Johnny Cesario

Lightweights (Not exceeding 135 pounds)	Featherweights (Not exceeding 126 pounds)	Bantamweights (Not exceeding 118 pounds)	Flyweights (Not exceeding 112 pounds)
World's Champion Ike Williams	World's Champion Willie Pep	World's Champion Manuel Ortiz	World's Champion Rinty Monaghan
1—Enrique Bolanos	Humberto Sierra	Peter Kane	Dado Marino
2—Freddie Dawson	Sandy Saddler	Jackie Paterson	Maurice Sandeyron
3—Rudy Cruz	Charley Riley	Luis Galvani	Monito Flores
4—Jesse Flores	Carlos Chavez	David Kui Kong Young	Dickie O'Sullivan
5—Beau Jack	Jose Gonzalez	Luis Castillo	Mustapha Mustaphaoui
6—Billy Thompson	Chico Rosa	Bunty Doran	Raoul Degryse
7—Maxie Docusen	Miguel Acevedo	Stan Rowan	Emile Famechon
8—Paulino Montes	Harold Dade	Armando Puenti Pi	Terry Allen
9—Paddy DeMarco	Manny Ortega	Fernando Gagnon	Taffy Hancock
10—Terry Young	Orlando Zulueta	Tsuneshi Maruo	Spider Tymms

Dochino chilled Bill Boyland, 1. Speedy Duval whipped Jim Johnson, 6. Mike Jacobs outlasted Johnny Stevens, 6. Johnny Bassett beat Richie Dallas, 4. Fred Pratt chilled Ray Ladd, 2.

MIDDLEWEIGHTS

Marcel Cerdan knocked out Giovanni Manca, 2, and Jean Walzack, 4. Bert Lytell took decisions from Joe Blackwood, 8, and Billy Smith, 10.

THE RING'S Rookie of 1947, Laverne Roach, scored an impressive win over Tony Janiro in 10 rounds. Tony Zale kayoed Al Turner in 5 rounds. This was the former champion's first outing since losing the crown to Rocky Graziano. Bos Murphy defeated Vince Hawkins, 15, for the British Empire title.

Steve Belloise took a 10-rounder from Oswaldo Silva. O'Neill Bell whipped Tommy Yarosz, 10. Randolph Turpin kayoed Freddie Price, 1. Dick Turpin outpointed Mark Hart, 12. Bert Saunders outpointed Bert Hyland, 8.

Pete Mead decisioned Herbie Kronowitz, 10, but lost to Red Priest, 10. Tommy Davies retained the Welsh title, defeating Johnny Houlston, 15. Bob Murphy knocked out Ramon Dioses, 5. Bert Hyland whipped Ron Cooper, 8, and stopped Johnny Boyd, 4. Don Lee won over Deacon Logan, 10. Jimmy Curl defeated Billy Cooper, 10. Joey DeJohn stopped Willie Jeeter, 6. Mickey Doyle whipped Charlie Padalino, 10, and Lou Valles, 10. Bill Poli nodded Al Thornton, 6, and George Brown, 8.

Chuck Hunter nodded Dave Clark, 10. Rocky Castellani whipped Jimmy King, 10. Danny Kapilow, weighing 156 pounds, shaded Tony Riccio in 10. Lee Sala nodded Vinnie Rossano, 10, and kayoed Chet Vinci, 1. Billy Hall outfought Joe Rood, 8. Harvey Turner drew with Teddy Turner, six.

Randy Brown nodded Danny Martin, 8. Joe Governale whipped Lou Valles, 8. Don Ellis drew with Buddy Farrell, 8. Henry Chemel nodded Davey Feld, 10, and stopped Horace Bailey, 4. Ted DiGiammo kayoed Willie Atwood, 2, and Jim Watlers also chilled Willie in 2.

Sylvester Perkins beat Lou King, 10. Pedro Jiminez whipped Eddie Reed, 8. Dick Witt halted Jesse Williams, 2. Doc Williams stopped Casey Jones, 5. Eddie Miller stiffened Collins Brown, 5, but was kayoed by Jackie Darthard, 1.

Billy Brown was a victor over Indian Gomez, 10, and Frank Lacy, 10. Joe Taylor outscored Eli Hall, 8. Jimmy Palmer whipped Eddie Miller, 10. Jesse Jenkins nodded Freddy Flores, 8.

George Small finished Billy Walker, 3, and beat Jim Mangia, 8. Tom McKeagney outscored Herbie Morris, 8. Gene Boland beat Joe Bennett, 8. Charlie Zack defeated Danny Ruggiero, 8. Jose Basora kayoed Joe Reddick, 6. Walter Cartier kayoed Billy Kilroy, 6. Charley Brown won over Lew Perez, 4, and Al Fisher also edged Perez, 6.

Al Wynn chilled Bobby James, 6. Jim Mangia outscored Joe Bennett, 8. Berl Charity stopped Randy Brown, 3, but lost to Vern Lester, 8. Charley Williams beat Lennox Dingle, 10. Tony Bertucci drew with Jack Kenny, 8. Ray Alverto defeated Mike Carney, 4. Joey Martinez chilled Manuel Rosa, 4.

Ben Montabano drew with Jesus LaMela, 10, and then Ben won a 10-round decision. Danny Rosati defeated Frankie Ross, 8. Deacon Logan whipped Bert Ellis, 8. Tommy Lemmon beat Jimmy Ward, 6. Pete Zaduk outpointed Claude Flager, 6. Billy Adams halted Billy Jackson, 1.

Pedro Jiminez whipped Frankie Gimbel, 8. Don Fisher chilled Bobby Hogan, 5. Bob Flanagan drew with Al Priest, 10. George Williams halted Sidney Miller, 2. Mike Filipo kayoed Joe Quartz, 2. Leon Sheppard beat Joe Tate, 8. Frankie Angustain whipped Art Hardy, 10. Leroy Coleman flattened Ralph Burley, 1. Sonny Horne kayoed Roland Norman, 1. Jimmy Beau knocked out Winston Corbett, 2. Reuben Jones nodded Baby Sims, 8. Johnny Green stopped Mayhew Smith, 6.

Eddie Dutton stopped Gene Farland, 3. Jackie Wilson halted Eddie Letourneau, 1. Gene Boland outclassed Frankie Cordino, 8. Joey Falco beat Danny Kapilow, 10. Jack Snapp kayoed Bobby Volk, 5. Ralph Jones drew with Jimmy Bull, 8. Len Taglia knocked out Willie Jeeters, 2. Bobby Castro was a winner over Ike Patton, 10. Bill Daley chilled Ruby Margolin, 6. Bob Flannagan won on a disqualification from Sidney Miller, 3.

Light-heavyweight Leonard Marrow scored a 10-round upset win over Bert Lytell. Indian Gomez halted Ray Evans, 4. Roy Williams stopped Billy Brown, 2. Don Lee outpointed Alex Arella, 10.

Pete Mead stopped Cliff Hart, 4. Primos Cutler outpointed Charlie Williams, 8. Herbie Kronowitz lost to Charley Zivic, 10.

WELTERWEIGHTS

Gene Burton was held to a 10-round draw by Gavilan Kid, and Gavilan came back to halt Joe Curcio, 2. Rocco Rossano beat Eddie Giosa, 10. Robert Villemain retained the French and European titles by defeating Omar Kouidri, 15. Tippy Larkin had little trouble with Joe DiMartino in 10. Charley Fusari stiffened Gus Mell, 4. Johnny Williams beat Buster Tyler, 10. Stan Hawthorne knocked out Terry Kelly, 2, and trounced Paddy Dowdall, 10. Billy Graham stopped Jimmy Joyce, 5, and beat Patsy Brandino, 10. Bos Murphy decisioned Vince Hawkins, 15. Buddy Holderfield was a winner over Ruby Kessler, 10. Johnny Greco halted Henry Jordan, 8. Willie Whyte stopped Jim McFadden, 5. Cyril Gallie decisioned Bob Burniston, 10.

Prospects of the Month

Heavyweight — Carmine Vingo, New York, N. Y.

Light-heavyweight—Rod Jones, Los Angeles, Cal.

Middleweight—Nick De Grazio, Garwood, New Jersey.

Welterweight—Jackie Wilson, Quincy, Mass.

Lightweight—Keith Nuttall, Brigham, Utah.

Featherweight—Tommy Barton, Great Britain.

Bantamweight—Danny O'Sullivan, Great Britain.

Flyweight—None available.

Sammy Adragna won over Doll Rafferty, 10, but lost to Dorsey Lay, 10. Jimmy Sherrer whipped Mel Johnson, 8. Ralph Burley defeated Al Mobley, 8. Alf Danahar stopped Alf Marsh, 7. Johnny Cesario outpointed Bobby Zollo, 12. Tony Falco trimmed Walter Stevens, 10. Johnny Smith flattened Paddy Trainor, 2. Emil Evans whipped Booker Ellis, 6.

Joey Brocato won over Tommy Mills, 8, and kayoed Jay Parlin, 1. Roger Whynott bested Bill Dooley, 8. Earl Turner drew with Bobby Mann in a sparkling sixer, Mann then beat Leo Sawicki, 8. Terry Moore took the measure of Charley Millan, 10. Billy Shelton whipped Choforo Martinez, 10.

Jimmy Sherrer defeated Mel Johnson, 8. Vic Cardell nodded Joe Jordan, 8. Carey Mace kayoed Freddie Patterson, 2. Al Hirsch nodded Frankie Abrams, 8. Terry Gibson drew with Bill Tierney, twelve.

Levi Southall stiffened Henry Jordan, 2, but Jordan came back to beat Carey Mace, 10. Andy Drachmas defeated Henry Johnson, 6. Pat Kelly kayoed Johnny Delaney, 6. Tim Dalton nodded Red LaVasseur, 8.

Eugene Hairston kayoed Joey Manfro, 4, and Leonard Lukas, 3. Undefeated Jeff Tite scored his 16th consecutive knockout by flattening Len Jones, 2. Roy Carter stopped Bob Marshall, 2. Eddie Thomas beat Henry Hall, 8. Fairest Norman beat Eric Myric, 4. Pat Byers whipped Shamus McCray, 10. Jackie Armitage nodded Jackie Keough, 5.

Lenny Holton outpointed Bob Miller, 4. Bill Downing beat Tony Marino, 4, and kayoed John Davidson, 2. Ray Solomon stopped Bill Dooley, 2. Ted Murray kayoed Herbie Hinson, 4. Frankie Vigeant drew with Bobby Lee, 10, and beat Walter Stevens, 10. Frank Balestra stopped Joe Paris, 2, and drew with Len Holton, 4.

Don Williams was a winner over Billy Kearns, 8, and kayoed Bill Murray, 3. Solly Cantor beat Walter Keene, 8. Ed Ocasio nodded Jerry Heimowitz, 4. Leo Sawicki drew with Billy Murray, 8, and lost to Paddy Young, 8. Al Michaud stopped Dom Sinibaldi, 8. Sol Levitt decisioned Earl Shaw, 6, and drew with Carl Taulman, 6.

Hy Melzer bested Johnny Capri, 6. Laurie Buxton knocked out Johnny Strawberry, 6, and beat Frankie Palermo, 8. Russ Howard decisioned Vince Scarpari, 8. Young Salvatore knocked out Phil Sampson, 5. Tommy Egan stopped Tommy James, 8.

Lou Russo nodded Willie Smith, 4. Freddy Menna beat Ray Jackson, 8. Joe Petrovich whipped Sammy Daniels, 10. Billy Morris defeated Leonard Lukas, 6. Johnny Darby beat Leonard Ceasar, 8, but lost to Dom Marchese, 6. Nick Restaino won over Ossie Cooper, 4. Jerry Coursol nodded Eddie Moniz, 10. Jackie Wilson stopped Johnny Delaney, 3.

Dave Andrews halted Richard Polite, 3. Carl Taulman outpointed Frank Formichella, 4. Sammy Daniels beat Joey Fagan, 8.

Tiger Flowers nodded Jerry Coursol, 8. Jackie Wilson halted Jimmy Alexander, 4. George Ross stopped Bobby Burton, 5. Joe Narcissi defeated Bobby Fuller, 4. Ross Anzalone stopped Joe Lucignano, 3.

Pete Ferrente nodded Walter Keene, 6. Charlie Zack kayoed Bob Marshall, 3. Jerry Heimowitz drew with Leon Hooks, 4. Vinnie Melito chilled Ernie Kerber, 1, and beat Art Garcia, 4. Billy Wyatt defeated Frankie Foran, 6. Lester Felton kayoed Eddie White, 2. Andy De Paul stopped Earl Shaw, 2.

Dickie Weinhold defeated Rube Krug, 10. Charley Salas defeated Young McElroy, 10. Jim Herring stopped Jim Colbert, 1. Greg Gomez won over Paul O'Hara, 6. Pennington Brown beat Leon Thompson, 6. Leon Gabriel drew with Jimmy Sauer, 8.

Roy Andrews stiffened Steve Kronis, 5. Jimmy Sanders stopped Jackie Armitage, 6. Emil Evans defeated Ralph Meyers, 6. George LaRover chilled Jimmy Henderson, 2. Vince Callahan scored over Pedro Crivello, 8. Ruby Margolin kayoed Al Michaud, 3. Billy Justine outroughed Lennox Dingle, 6. Speedy Lawrence lost to Johnny Bernardo, 6. Al Pennino stopped Pedro Biesca, 9. Charley Harris halted Larry Morgan, 2. Johnny Marino defeated Sixto Tostado, 6. Tony Riccio whipped Hal Anspach, 10.

Ernie Forte defeated Ernie Pelaia, 10. Vince Scarpari defeated Tony Rose, 8. Fitzy Pruden kayoed Oscar Lewis, 1, and beat Jerry Coursol, 8. Sammy Secreet drew with Frankie Ross, 10, and beat Ernie Forte, 10. Phil Palmer nodded Terry Gibson, 10. Billy Nixon kayoed Otis Graham, 1. Dom Marchese won from Joe Martino, 6. Gene Salisbury chilled Mike Velez, 2.

Charles Salas topped Ray Louis, 10. Eddie Holloway beat Billy O'Connor, 6. Jerry Coursol nodded Dave Andrews, 10.

Bernard Docusen won over Gene Burton, 10. Gavilan Kid won every round from Vinnie Rossano in a sizzling 10.

LIGHTWEIGHTS

Ike Williams won over Doug Carter, 10; Freddie Dawson, 10; and then beat Livio Minelli in 10. Beau Jack stopped Johnny Bratton, 8. Jesse Flores defeated Maxie Shapiro, 10, and Shapiro was a winner over featherweight Charley Riley in 10. Flores then trounced Larry Cisneros, ten.

Enrique Bolanos knocked out Julio Jiminez, 4. Arthur King knocked out Danny Webb in 8 rounds to win the Canadian title. Tommy Barnham outpointed Bert Hornby, 10, and stopped Ernie Stapleton, 5. Vic Manini knocked out Tommy Barton, 2, but was beaten by Tommy Shaw, 8.

Paulino Montes stopped the highly regarded Buddy Garcia in 8. Willie Weasel knocked out Santa Bucca, 1. Dennis Pat Brady defeated Willie Beltram, 10, and Jackie Weber, 10. Jimmy Collins won over Charley Cabey Lewis.

Al Pennino whipped Bobby Ruffin, 10. Joey Carkido whipped Jimmy Corti, 6, but lost to Willie Beltram, 10. Gordon House halted Danny Quintera, 2. Johnny Williams won from Stonewall Jackson, 10. Pedro Biesca drew with Steve Kronis, 10. Eddie Thomas beat Ray Jones, 6. Bayani Garcia topped Chung Bok Soo, 10.

Joey Fagan kayoed George Neubeck, 7. Nat Harden knocked out Tony LaBua, 2, and then the boys drew in 8. Norman Silver whipped Juan Carrero, 8. Roy Andrews stopped Leo LeBlond, 5, and beat Paulie Jackson, 10. Tommy Stenhouse beat Joey Belfoire, 8.

Lou Castrilli drew with Marcel Pacheco, 6, and beat Fred Nelson, 6. Bernie Dowd chilled Roosevelt McKinney, 2. Willie Russell kayoed Candy McDaniels, 10. Richie Shinn nodded Charley Noel, 10, and Charlie also lost to Sandy Saddler, 10. Bernie Bernard drew with Eddie Compo, 8. Johnny Marino bested Sixto Tostado, 6.

Bobby Pooler kayoed Ken Murray, 8. Roy Andrews beat Johnny Juliano, 10, but lost to Paddy DeMarco, 8. Barney Taylor chilled Ernie Kerber, 2, and Eddie Dorsch, 2. Zeke Lucero stopped Al Sandoval, 5.

Tim King stiffened Mike Duffy, 2. Tony Riccio decisioned Johnny Wolgast, 10. Jim Hegeman whipped Lenny LaBrutta, 6. Danny Williams nodded Baby Beau, 6. Del Cockayne stopped Vic Creelman, 6, and beat Jimmy Joyce, 8.

Keith Nuttall whipped George Palio, 10, and Joe Jacques, 10. Johnny Forte licked Earl Huff, 8, but lost to Sonny Boy West, 10. Johnny Dell decisioned Aponte Torres, 8, and John La Russo, 10. Babe Herman defeated James J. Cox, 6. Herbie Freeman chilled Lefty LaChance, 7, and beat Vince Callahan, 10.

Archie Wilmer outpunched Danny Petro, 8. Jimmy Sims knocked out Johnny Suarez, 3. Lou Joyce outdrilled Al Victoria, 6. John Bernardo halted Lou Cooper, 4. Jackie Weber was a victor over Spider Armstrong, 10. James Carter whipped Thompson Harmon, 8. Jay Parlin defeated Billy Dove, 4. Roosevelt McKinney nodded Mickey DeMilan, 4. Jim Corti drew with Julie Bort, 8. Sonny Hampton gained a decision over Jerry Petrovich, 10. Eddie Bertolina nodded Gene Spencer, 10. Freddie Latson defeated Oliver Cobbins, 6. Earl Huff beat Ted Davis, 6. Jesse Underwood halted Joey Faiello, 3. Solly Cantor beat Jimmy Anest, 8. Ernie Guisti outscored Richard Polite, 6. Joe Palaza was a winner over Tim King, 4. Lenny LaBrutta whipped Teddy Swain, 8. Lester Felton beat Isaac Jenkins, 6.

Freddie Russo knocked out Dom Amoroso, 5. Freddy Herman whipped Darnell Carter, 6. Dave Marsh beat Al Gaulteri, 8. Mario Trigo stopped Nick Diaz, 9. Nunzio Carto outpointed Matt Parker, 8. Julie Bort defeated Church Burton, 8. Joey Fagan outpointed Bobby Williams, 8.

FEATHERWEIGHTS

Willie Pep defeated Jimmy McAllister, 10 (nontitle), and Joey Angelo, 10. Simon Vegara stopped Sammy Medina, 12. Charley Riley lost to Maxie Shapiro, 10, but Charley came back to stiffen Karl Joris in 1. Sandy Saddler defeated Charlie Noel, 10, and Joey Angelo, 10. Fernando Gagnon defeated Lou Alter, 12.

Manny Ortega won over Tsuneshi Maruo, 10. Jock Leslie whipped Floyd Shiflett, 10. Chico Rosa outpointed Henry Davis, 12. Frank Kenny regained Scottish title by stopping Jimmy Dunn, 6. Gus Foran whipped Teddy Gardner, 10. Jackie Graves knocked out Eddie Dumazel, 1. Tommy Davies won on a foul over Jackie Hughes, 4.

Filberto Osario shaded Mimmie Adragna, 10, and Joe Barone, 10. Max Brady knocked out Sean McKiernan, 2. Jackie Turpin drew with Roy Fitton, 8, knocked out Tommy Plowright, 2, stopped Jimmy McIntyre, 7, won on a foul over Jackie Horseman, 7, and outpointed Tommy Madine, 8. Johnny Malloy beat Ronnie Clayton, 8. Bert Jackson outfought Tommy Bailey, 8, and Bailey decisioned Frank Johnson, 8. Dino Bleta and Jackie Harris drew in 8, and then

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MARITIME PROVINCES AND ONTARIO, CANADA

By C. W. STEELE

A REPORTED 6,000 fans were in attendance at the opening fistic program of the current year at the Toronto Maple Leaf Gardens. Arthur King, 134, Toronto, and ex-world's featherweight champion, Phil Terranova, 132½, of New York, met in the feature attraction. King emerged from the affray with a unanimous eight round decision.

In the semi-final six-rounder, Simeon Waithe, 132¼, of Toronto, received the unanimous verdict over Juan Manuel, 130, of Cleveland.

Bob Flannagan, 166, of London, Ontario, shaded Jimmy Guy, 157, of Detroit, in six rounds. Wilf Sauve, 187½, Toronto, stopped Georgie Ward, 176½, of Detroit, in the fourth. Sam Sauve, 146½, Toronto, and Johnny Camorata, 145, Detroit, battled all even in four rounds, and Billy Fifield, 159½, Toronto, decisioned Chuck Ross, 154, of Detroit, in four.

Ontario fighters in U. S. A. rings—Brooklyn: Patsy Brandino, 133, Hamilton, was outpointed by Billy Graham, 142, of New York. Providence, R. I.: Lenny LaBrutta, 135, decisioned Teddy Swain, 129, Toronto, in eight rounds. Brooklyn: Fitzy Pruden, 140, St. Catherines, stopped Oscar Lewis, 136, of New York, in round one. Harold Guss, Detroit, decisioned Verne Esco, Canadian heavyweight champion, in ten rounds at Detroit. Bob Flannigan of London, Ont., decisioned Al "Red" Priest, in New England. Rudy Pasquale, Toronto featherweight, is on a winning spree across the border.

Percy Paris, 133, of New Glasgow, N. S., won a split decision over durable Benny Woods, 134½, of Saint John, N. B., in ten rounds at Halifax, N. S. Middleweight Lucky Abrams of Truro, N. S., was not so lucky when he was stopped in round one by Sailor Humphries of the liner S. S. Aquitania, and Bobby Smith of Springhill, outpointed Keith Paris of New Glasgow.

Charlottetown, P.E.I.: Harry Poulton, Island lightweight champ, and Stoney Drake of Halifax, N. S., was the main attraction with Poulton receiving the unanimous decision. Big Boy Peterson, 185, of Charlottetown stopped his lighter opponent, Kid Borden, 160, of Halifax, in the fourth of the scheduled six-round semi-final. Tiger Steele, Charlottetown, decisioned K.O. Saunders. Emmitt Gallant chilled Rocky Mills in the fifth round and in the curtain raiser Barrett and MacLeod, a pair of paperweights, staged a lively bout.

Nick Melnick, Sydney middleweight, stopped Tony Mancuso, in eight rounds at Montreal. Dave "Golden Boy" Andrews of Lowell, Mass., stopped Roger Whynott of Mahone Bay, in the sixth round at Lewiston, Me.

Featherweight Jackie Turner, who is well known in the Maritimes is going great guns around the Pacific Coast.

Tommy Spencer, New Waterford welterweight, who campaigned in New England and Maritime rings, has retired on the advice of doctors due to injured hands.

We receive requests even from overseas to name the Canadian boxing champions in the different divisions. Here they are as recognized by the Canadian Boxing Federation. Flyweight: Vacant. Bantamweight: Fernando Gagnon, Quebec. Featherweight: Hubert Gagnier, Montreal. Recent reports have it Gagnier has retired. Lightweights: Danny Webb, Montreal. Welterweight: Johnny Greco, Montreal. Middleweight: Len Wadsworth, Hamilton, Ont. Light-heavyweight title, vacant; and heavyweight, Verne Esco, Toronto.

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NEWS FROM WINNIPEG AND VICINITY

By AL GREENBERG

FRANK WHITE, Winnipeg's amateur featherweight champ, journeyed to Devil's Lake, N. D., and scored a three round K.O. over Ray Trottier of Devil's Lake.

Winnipeg will have pro boxing starting April 30. Alex Turk, wrestling promoter, was granted the license.

Johnny Roberts, Winnipeg welter, is back in training and is gunning for a crack at either Tom Deschambeault or Alex Boguski in Calgary.

Nick Melnick, former Winnipeg middleweight, is back in action around Montreal.

Walt Marlow of Edmonton is planning to promote shows in Viking, Alberta.

Western fans are still wondering how much longer Jackie Turner, Vancouver bantam, will be dodged by Canadian title holder, Ferdinand Gagnon.

Al Slater successfully retained his Canadian featherweight title when he outpunched Buddy Loftus in 12 rounds at Calgary.

Hobart Hall is the new promoter in Billings, Montana.

Phil Palmer beat Terry Gibson at Seattle in 10 rounds. Palmer would like to meet Cowboy Billy Patterson in Billings.

Any good club fighters seeking Western Canada bookings or promoters seeking talent, contact the writer at 207 Polson Ave., Winnipeg, Canada.

CANADIAN TOPICS

By LAWSON BAMPTON

JOHNNY GRECO, Canadian welterweight champion, started off his 1948 ring action at the Montreal Forum with an eight round knockout over Henry Jordan of Philadelphia. After battering him steadily, mainly with two-handed body barrages, Greco halted his man. Ralph Zannelli, who had outscored Greco in Boston, a few weeks previously, was originally scheduled to meet Johnny but when Zannelli was reported ill, Promoter Raoul Godbout secured Jordan in a hurry.

A return Greco-Hurst match, a redhot "natural" that should gross $30,000, was in the making at this writing but an agreement on terms could not be reached.

Fernando Gagnon, Quebec's hardhitting Canadian bantam king, stepped into the leading challenger spot for the Canadian feather crown worn by Hubert Gagnier by repeating a previous win over Lou Alter in the 12 round co-feature. It was a keen bout after a couple of slow rounds and the Quebecker clinched it with a strong edge in the closing rounds. A Gagnier-Gagnon title match is now in order.

The prelims furnished some lively action. In the four round openers, Ray Moison beat Fernand Drouin, Quebec, in a close battle and Jerry Laliberte outscored Lorenzo Bretton, Quebec, in a slambang setto. The scheduled six rounder between Fernand Cervan and Ottawa's Patsy Dupont was a wild and woolly brawl and Cervan survived a knockdown, then nailed the poorly conditioned Dupont in the second, flooring him twice, then again for the count.

The Cancer Research Society benefited to the tune of over $1,000 profits realized a fortnight previously when Jimmie McKimmie and his cohorts staged a bang-up show at the Coliseum. Three eight rounders of a middleweight elimination tournament headed a well balanced card, with two six rounders and a four providing grand support. Colorful, entertaining action proved popular with the fans and the bouts indicated that there are some good bouts in store for future Coliseum shows as well as revealing quite a few good prospects.

Al Evans, handing out terrific body punishment, packed too many guns for Leo O'Leary, who gamely arose from the canvas four times before the dusky Evans flattened him for keeps in the sixth round. Nick Melnick, returning to ring action after a lengthy absence, took half the fight to get his bearings against bull-shouldered Tony Mancuso's two-fisted aggressiveness, then counter-punched effectively to make up lost ground. It looked as though the last round would decide matters but Mancuso's damaged eye, sustained in the seventh round, closed up and he could not continue.

Wilfe Shanks, making a comeback after nearly two years' layoff, displayed flashes of his former class and speed in his battle with Danny King, setting a fiery pace throughout. Shanks' timing was off but his punching power seemed vastly improved as he biffed King to dreamland in the third round with two well placed wallops. However, Shanks was not in shape and has definitely retired from the ring.

Tommy Murray, conceding plenty of height, weight and reach, was too stiff a puncher for Maurice Lavigne in the six round semi-final. Unable to get the range of his wary foe for two rounds, Murray electrified the fans in the third when he floored Lavigne, then slammed away vigorously but vainly in an effort to score a knockout. Murray's 5 to 1 edge in rounds earned the unanimous verdict for him over the Ontario welter. Murray, who is after Danny Webb's Canadian lightweight crown, made a hit in Maine rings less than a fortnight later scoring three round knockouts over Bobby Pooler and Blaine Macomber in scheduled eight round semi-finals at Rumford and Lewiston, respectively, and immediately secured main event bookings.

In the other Coliseum six rounder, Tony Ducharme displayed too much class and speed for Bernie Sundborg and breezed off with every round. If he continues at his present rate, Ducharme will be topping the cards before long.

Another keen prospect, Eddie Leboeuf, a colorful young welter, also added to his unbeaten record when he outpunched Patsy Dupont, a much more experienced fighter, in the four round opener. The boys really ripped into each other in the two closing rounds to furnish the night's most thrilling action. Lebeouf started as an amateur less than a year ago, had only five amateur fights and now with only three pro fights is already attracting attention.

STRAY SHOTS . . . Jerry Lavigne staged some good battles in New England rings . . . split two decisions with Paul Herrick and scored a two-round kayo, which gives him the edge in their feud . . . Danny Webb has been guaranteed $3500 to defend his title against Arthur King in Toronto . . . Gus Mell's kayo at the hands of Charley Fusari was no great surprise here . . . he hasn't been keeping himself in proper shape . . . too bad.

FIGHTS IN PHOENIX, ARIZ.

By LARRY JONAS

THE big news here this month is the announcement by the Phoenix Boxing Commission that it is now affiliated with the National Boxing Association and has been granted license 57.

The announcement is a momentous one for local fistiana and holds promise of a new deal for local boxing and for the fans whose dollars have supported the sport, sometimes not too well, for many years. All credit, then, to a hard-working commission for making this epic move.

Charlie Salas may have his off nights, but when the chips are down the Arizona welter leaves no doubt as to who is boss. Charlie proved it again when he romped off with a decision over the sensational Jelly McElroy. Jelly, who weighed 146, gave Charlie some trying moments, but Charlie garnered six of the ten rounds and had Jelly on uneasy street on three separate occasions. Salas, weighing 147, turned in by far the best fight of his career.

In supporting matches, Dynamite Jackson, 144, stopped Baby Face Mathis in two; Gabe Peralta, 147, defeated Noble Banks, 143, six; Preston Jefferson, 151, beat Bob McGuire, 156½, four; Bill Bailey, 147½, decisioned Jimmy Streeta, 152½, four.

Tony Martin, perennial Arizona heavyweight champ, met more than his match when he clashed with Willie Bean, the 19-year-old Pacific Coast strong boy. Although Tony was able to hold his own until the ninth round, he completely went to pieces after being rocked by a series of hooks to the head. With five seconds to go in the round, Martin stumbled to his feet after being decked for a "nine" count, but Referee Sonny Walker wisely stopped the uneven contest and awarded it to Bean via a TKO.

On the same card, John Harding, 173, stopped Wendel Gallant, 168, in the third; Noble Johnson, 118, decisioned Bobby Molina, 119, six; Frank Ballenger, 174, outpointed Sailor McRoberts, 163, four; Bill Bailey, 144, beat Jimmy McKissack, 134, four.

On the basis of his showing against Charlie Salas, 144, Tony Chavez, 144, former West Coast headliner, is definitely through and should hang up the gloves. Salas lambasted Chavez at will, scoring repeated knockdowns in both the first and second rounds. After a straight right to the jaw had knocked Chavez to the canvas for the third time in the second stanza, the referee intervened. and awarded the "fight" to Salas.

Supporting matches were as follows: Jelly McElroy, 149, K.O.'ed Ramon Castro, 141, one; Milo Leyvas, 140, defeated El Tigre de Cananea, 142, six; Jimmy McKissack, 136, decisioned Bill Bailey, 145½, four; Henry Guerrero, 154, beat Preston Jefferson, 148½, four.

IN TACOMA, WASHINGTON

By HOMER AMUNDSEN

TOMMY EGAN, San Francisco, Calif., welterweight, won an eight-round knockout victory over Tommy James, Negro, Chicago, in the top bout of the Tacoma Boxing Club's initial program in the Tacoma State Armory.

The writer has a new gymnasium establishment in downtown Tacoma. Twenty thousand square feet will make this setup one of the largest of this type in the West. Amateur boxing programs will be in order.

Virgil Larson, Tacoma, 18-year-old 140-pound youngster, has been proclaimed by ring-wise Tommy Egan, a youngster to be watched.

Jack Flood, heavy-handed Negro 190-pounder, formerly from Tacoma, now of Portland, Ore., recently chilled Freddie Wallace, who was coming along at a fair clip in Seattle rings. Flood packs a healthy wallop.

CONNECTICUT RING NEWS
By DON HAMILL

ANOTHER busy month in January and with February underway the prospect is bright. Heading the month for interest was the bursting of the Carey Mace bauble. Carey, still a bright prospect despite his defeat, was matched with Henry Jordan, who had too much experience for the Hartford lad. Eddie Compo, promising New Haven featherweight, returned to the fistic wars after an extended layoff to setback Tommy Collins of Boston. The return to the professional boxing promotional field by Pete Montesi took place in Danbury. The results were as follows:

Hartford Auditorium—Carey Mace, 147, Hartford's latest pride, surprised even his most ardent followers with a sharp right hand that felled Freddy Patterson, 151, Rochester, N. Y., five times before Referee Eddie Reed called a halt in the second round.

George Ross, 146, New Waterford, N. S., looked great in banging out a six round win over stubborn Billy Morris, 142, Torrington Negro, who suffered his first defeat in the battle. Morris was in the battle all the way but Ross was too big and strong for him. Pat Vendrillo, 155, Manchester, scored a six round decision over Jimmy Taylor, 157, New York Negro, who tired badly in the latter half of the bout. Doc Blanchard, 125, Boston portsider, soundly whipped ill-conditioned Vic Haler, 122, Springfield, who was boxing under his real name of Charles DeBow. Ray Roberts, 165, Hartford Negro, turned pro with a one-round kayo over Eddie Horlick, 163, New Britain.

New Haven Arena—Joe Muscato, 192, Buffalo, proved too cagey for Teddy Randolph, 187, New York, in the ten round feature. Muscato proved an elusive veteran, kept on the move all through the bout and away from Randolph's hefty wallops. Randolph proved that he could punch when he defeated Natie Mann in the same ring a month before. In the second round, Randolph was dropped three times for six, nine, and six. These were the only knockdowns in the fight. The remainder of the bout saw Muscato boxing the ears off the powerful Randolph. The referee was Billy Taylor.

Dino Bleta, 130, Canton, O., had to be content with a draw in his eight round semi-windup with Jackie Harris, 129½, Malden, Mass. Bleta started fast and ended up the same way but the middle rounds saw Harris being in control. Danny Williams, 134, Philadelphia, scored over Baby Beau, 134, New York, in a six rounder. The pair had boxed a draw in the same ring two weeks previously. In a scheduled six spot, Danny Bochino, 174, Philadelphia, knocked out Billy Boyleston, 174, New Haven, in 2:40 of the first round. In the opener, Johnny Freeman, 146, Philadelphia, ruined the pro debut of Johnny Cimino, 149, West Haven, who was knocked out in 2:30 of the first round.

New Britain — Stanley Arena — Pat Byers, 150½, Kannapolis, N. C., and New Britain, punched out a close ten round decision over Shamus McCray, 147½, Cleveland and Hartford. It was a whale of a battle despite the fact that Byers was ring rusty from an extended layoff and McCray lacked his usual spark. Shamus kept a stiff left hand in Byers' face all through the fight which kept his nose bleeding continuously. Referee Eddie Moore gave Byers four rounds, called four even, and gave McCray two.

In the six round semi-final, Jimmy Beau, 156, dynamic punching Bridgeport Negro, scored a knockout in the second round over Lennie Trader, 156, New Haven, in 2:15. Trader was dropped twice for nine counts when he electrified the crowd by dropping Beau, who took two. A left hook to the jaw felled Trader so hard that Referee Moore didn't even bother to count. Tommy Bazzano, 140½, Middletown, stopped Art Garcia, 136½, New Haven, who was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round after being dropped just before the bell by a solid body blow. Johnny Bell, 146, New Britain, returned to the ring to win a close four round decision over Bobby Grant, 151, Hartford. A semi-pro exhibition opened the show.

Hartford Auditorium—Steve Kronis, 130½, rugged Boston Greek, was lucky in the minds of more than one fan in receiving Referee Jimmy Peters' draw decision with Pedro Biesca, 133, Mexico, after ten hard rounds of milling. Kronis tired in the closing rounds to give Biesca an edge. Peters' draw decision was not very well received.

Bobby Polowitzer, 128, East Hartford, reversed a previous defeat when he took Orlando Fernandez, 125, Tampa, Fla., into camp in the six round semi-final. The Southern lad was dropped just before the bell in the second and again in the final heat. Billy Morris, 143, promising Torrington welter, scored over lanky Leonard Lukas, 145, Brooklyn Negro, in a six rounder. Eddie Dumazel, 129, Cardiff, Wales, was impressive belting out Raul Roque, 125, Puerto Rico, in the second round of a third six. A semi-pro bout opened the show.

New Haven Arena—Shifty Eddie Compo, 126½, New Haven, returned to the ring to win a decisive eight round decision over hard-hitting Tommy Collins, 125½, Boston. Compo boxed well and scored with ease and so often that Collins elected to slug it out. In doing so he was an even greater target for the fast-punching Compo. Referee Hughie Devlin gave Compo six rounds, saw Collins ahead in the fourth, and called the sixth even. Collins was the aggressor with Compo countering effectively.

Dino Bleta, 128½, Canton, O., proved his superiority over Jackie Harris, 128, Malden, Mass., in the eight round semi-final. He had to be content with a draw the week before. Bleta was dumped in the seventh but he arose to pound Harris unmercifully through the rest of the fight. Danny Bucherino, 174½, Philadelphia, disposed of Fred Ramsey, 189½, Roxbury, Mass., in 1:15 of the second round. Eddie Drake, 125, Meriden, battled to a draw with Al Headley, 126, New York, in one four rounder, while in the other, Johnny Cimino, 148, West Haven, won by decision over Joey Parris, 144½, New York.

Hartford Auditorium — Henry Jordan, 149, Philadelphia Negro, proved too experienced for promising Carey Mace, 146, Hartford, whom he defeated in their ten rounder. Mace a good boxer, but with limited ability, having only boxed three previous main events, was unable to cope with the ring savvy of Jordan. In the fifth Jordan got "hept" and crossed over a couple of wicked rights, the second dropped Mace for a nine count. Mace got up to mix with his adversary but was dropped again at the bell. For the remainder of the bout Jordan gave Mace a boxing lesson. Billy Conway, dean of referees, was the third man.

Bobby Polowitzer, 128, East Hartford, left-hooked his way to an eight round decision over Jimmy Callura, 125, Hamilton, Ont. Polowitzer was unable to upset the Canadian, who caught several hard hooks to the jaw. Tommy Moore, 133, Boston, won a very close and disputed decision over Eddie Smith, 131, New York Negro, in a six rounder. Leon Hutson, 125, Boston Negro, defeated Jimmy Cleary, 128, Waterbury, in another sixer. A semi-pro bout got festivities underway.

Danbury State Armory—Don Fisher, 157, Shelton, scored a five round knockout over Bobby Holt, 153, Danbury Negro, in the feature six round bout. Fisher, a tall, rangy boxer, punches well with a right hand. Holt, a well built Negro, was making his first start in several months. He is a twin of Henry, who is probably a little better known.

The show was Promoter Pete Montesi's gala anniversary. Pete, World War II hero and double amputee, started promoting fights three years ago. For quite sometime he has been devoting his time to the development of semi-pro boxers.

Stanley Arena—New Britain—Jimmy Beau, 156½, sensational 18-year-old Bridgeporter, racked up another kayo win when his explosive fists battered Winston Corbett, 159½, Holyoke, Mass., into submission in the second round. It was Beau's sixth consecutive knockout victory.

Johnny Bell, 142, New Britain, scored a TKO over Art Garcia, 137, New Haven, when Garcia was unable to answer the bell for the fourth round because of a broken nose. Bell dropped Garcia twice in the second round. Bobby Ellis, 137, Plainville, and Jimmy Lynch, 139, Worcester, Mass., stood toe-to-toe for six rounds to end up all even on Referee Peters' score sheet.

Hartford Auditorium—Frank Vigeant, 147, Thomaston, punched out a lop-sided win over Walter Stevens, 144, Newark, N. J., in the ten round feature. Stevens, with a reputation of being a hard puncher, never had a chance to throw a punch as Vigeant poured punches of all variety at him throughout the fight. Vigeant was the victor of all the nine other heats.

Bobby Polowitzer, 129, East Hartford, defeated Charlie Burton, 130½, Newark, in the six-round semi-final. The only knockdown came in the second round when Burton was dropped by a right on top of the head that followed a right to the jaw. It was Bobby's tenth victory in eleven starts since his discharge from the Army. Pat Vendrillo, 155, Manchester, stopped Joe Jones, 151, New York, in the final heat of another six. Teddy Murray, 146, New York, won over Billy Kearns, 144, Wethersfield, in a third six. This was a substitute bout as one bout on the card completely fell through. A semi-pro bout opened the show.

Bobe Mele, popular New Haven manager, has been trekking up to Holyoke with his battlers. Tiger Ted Lowry, bald lightheavyweight, handed a shellacking to St. Paul, Negro boxer from Springfield, while Eddie Compo, won a decision over Redtop Davis of Albany in main events. His Art Garcia has been winning regularly although he ran into a little tough luck in a couple of fights in New Britain during the month. . . . Ray Roberts, Hartford Negro middleweight, who looked good in his pro debut, lost a couple of heartbreakers in Holyoke when his opponent claimed a foul after being knocked out. The fans took up the cry and Roberts was disqualified. . . . Tommy Bazzano, Jim Higgin's promising welterweight, has been winning regularly since turning pro. He is popular up the line in Holyoke where the arena was once a gashouse. . . . Jimmy (Gaspipe) Vaccola is expected to start running shows in Bridgeport shortly.

FROM LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY
By JOE FRENCH

LOUISVILLE went through the past month with only one pro card, which was presented by the Sportsman's A.C. at the Armory and featured three eight rounders. Jimmy Robinson, local lightweight, dropped the verdict in a fast moving bout to Luther Rawlings, speedy Chicago Negro. In the second eight, Gibbs Pike, Louisville heavyweight, went to a draw with Vince Calzaretto of Chicago. The third and final eight heater went to George Sherman of Chicago over Joey Sgro of Indianapolis, both welters. Doug Medley decisioned Wally Rose, both local lightweights, and Bob Barnett won over Vito Drago, also local lighties, in a pair of four rounders.

NOTES FROM THE PUNCH BOARD—Dutch Reese, southern Indiana manager, recently returned from Florida where his heavyweight puncher, Sid Peaks, stopped Lee Q. Murray in three rounds and Kid Riviera, big St. Louis puncher, in the 10th round, both bouts staged in Miami. . . . Walter Buckrop has resigned as the Louisville matchmaker and Promoter Bill McNulty is running cards assisted by Heywood Allen. . . . Irish Jimmy Sanders of Warren, Ohio, is training here under the direction of Charley Jones.

Freddie Eiler, operator of the Arcade Gym in Louisville, has several new faces recently turned pro, among them Vito Drago and Bobby Malone, lightweights. . . . Local talent, long needed here, has finally come to the front with several good looking comers from both Louisville and nearby Southern Indiana, but until the Louisville club can secure a spot to run more often, these boys will have to go on the road to be developed. . . . Bob O'Bannon, 165-168 lbs., former service champion undefeated since turning pro, is ready to go out of town and promoters interested may contact this writer at 1009 French Sreet, Jeffersonville, Indiana. Phone: 2751-R.

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COVERING NEW ENGLAND

By RAY COFFIN

BOSTON enjoyed one of its biggest shows in several years at the Boston Garden when the Callahan A. C. presented on all-star card of four topflight bouts, featured by the Johnny-Cesario-Bobby Zollo welter title tilt . . . The Al Priest-Pete Mead bout was another humdinger a week later . . . The Dempsey A. A., idle at Mechanics Building because of other commitments at the building, is planning to resume operations . . . New Bedford might have two boxing clubs this summer . . . It is perhaps one of the best outdoor spots in New England.

SALEM—Steadily-improving Tony Riccio, 130, Medford, Mass., stopped Florient Desmarais, 132, Manchester, N. H., in the sixth round of a scheduled 10-round feature bout at the North Street Arena. Desmarais suffered a cut eye and had to retire midway in the sixth chapter. Riccio held the lead all the way. Bobby Welch, 141, Boston, outpointed Carter Holmes, 143, Boston, in six. Tony Reno, 127, Boston, outpointed Art Cronin, 126, Manchester, N. H., in four, and Mike Duffy, 140, Boston, kayoed Young Leo, 141, Lowell, in one.

BANGOR, ME.—The Executioner from Eagle Lake, Hermic Freeman, added another win to his long list of triumphs after beating club-fighting Vince Callahan, 141, Boston, in the ten-round feature bout at the City Hall. Freeman weighed 136. Al Mazerole, 138, Limestone, Me., back in Maine rings after an extended stay in the New York area, outpointed Joe Palaza, 136, Boston, in the six-round semi-final.

PORTLAND, ME.—Jean Richard, 125, Montreal, atoned for an earlier defeat at the hands of Vic Young, 128, Biddeford, Me., when he flattened the "Little Brown Jug" in the eighth heat at the Exposition Building. A draw verdict was returned in the semi-final six as Leo LeBlond, 135, Lisbon, Me., and Ken Murray, 135, Waterville, Me., battled to a stalemate. Ralph Trioano, 149, Portland, knocked out Tony Junior, 146, Berlin, N. H., in five, and Sonny Nichols, 187, Portland, outpointed Jim Elliot, 175, Bangor, Me., in four.

WATERVILLE, ME.—Maine heavyweight king Jackie Fisher, who has been cleaning up all opposition of late, succumbed to the massive Lonnie Clark, 212, Philadelphia, and went out in the fifth round of their slated 10-rounder. Clark, who generally loses much more than he wins, had the Indian sign on the 197-pounder Fisher. Jack Dubois, 164, Waterville, scored a T.K.O. over Bob Cummings, 163, Augusta, Me., in three.

BOSTON—Richie Shinn wiped out a previous draw verdict with the veteran Charley Noel, 133, Jersey City, N. J., after gaining a one-sided 10-round win at Mechanics Building under the auspices of the Dempsey A.A. Shinn, 132, San Francisco Chinaman, belabored Noel with an assortment of hooks and crosses throughout. Bill Daley, 151, Brookline, the schoolboy K.O. sensation, annexed a T.K.O. win over Milton Lightfoot, 150, Boston, in the fifth round of a scheduled six-round semi-final bout. Lightfoot, much shorter than Daley, but a two-fisted tiger, piled into his sharper hitting foe and almost dropped him in the first canto. Daley recovered and took command in the succeeding rounds. Ralph McNeil, 117, Springfield, Mass., K.O.'ed George Cote, 123, Lawrence, in the second round and looked very good in the process. McNeil blocked all of Cote's right hand shots and countered beautifully with hooks to the jaw. Bobby Welch, 140, Boston, stopped Mike Duffy, 140, Boston, in four and Hayward Warner, 151, Boston, outpointed Charley Dotson, 157, Boston, in six.

FALL RIVER—Hard-hitting Johnny Juliano, 130, Paterson, N. J., stopped Al Smith, 129, Boston, in the sixth round in the top bout at the Casino. Tony Ferry, 130, Fall River, gained the duke over Jimmy McLarnin, 135, New Bedford, in the semi-final of six rounds.

WORCESTER—Blond Harry Berntsen, 205, New York, put the sleeper on Jimmy White, 184, Newark, N. J., in the fifth heat at Mechanics Hall. White was the better boxer, but Berntsen carried the heavier artillery. Veteran Corky Davis, 141, Worcester, stopped Pedro Crivello, 141, Cambridge, in four. Crivello had the edge up to that point, but a bad gash over his eye forced the referee to stop it. Jimmy Lynch, 140, Worcester, defeated Jimmy Reidy, 141, Palmer, in two, and Billy Shea, 127, Boston, outpointed Joe Chriss, 127, Boston, in four.

RUMFORD, ME.—Al Michaud, 149, Lisbon, Me., battered Dom Sinibaldi, 147, Berlin, N. H., into submission in eight rounds of an action-packed bout. Sinibaldi broke his hand in the second round and fought with only one hand the rest of the way.

LEWISTON, ME.—Roy Andrews, 135, Lowell, younger brother of Dave, punched too fast for Leo LeBlond, 136, Lisbon, Me., and won by a five-round T.K.O. victory. Ray Morris, 143, Lewiston, and Nap James, 143, Biddeford, Me., fought a draw in the six-round semi-final.

SALEM—"Irish" Pat Kelly, 143, Toronto, Can., and Johnny Delaney, 152, Detroit, Mich., a pair of newcomers to New England rings, boxed the 10-round windup at the North Street Arena. Kelly was the victor in the sixth round. The least said about this main bout the better. Charley Lagore, 156, Pawtucket, R. I., outpointed Mike Saad, 154, Manchester, N. H., in a good six-round semi-final. Jerry Zullo, 141, Chelsea, knocked out Mike Duffy, 140, Boston, in three of a slugfest. Johnny Eber, 129, Toronto, floored Gene Gomez, 129, Boston, for the full count in three.

FALL RIVER—Boxing stylist Roy Andrews, 135, Lowell, decisioned Johnny Juliano, 131, Paterson, N. J., in the windup of ten rounds at the Fall River Casino. Jackie Wilson, 145, Quincy, former amateur champion, knocked out Al LeBlanc, 142, Fall River, in the second. Joey Bolduc, 129, Cambridge, defeated Nel Girard, 125, New Bedford, by way of the T.K.O. route in one, and Gene LeBlanc, 143, Fall River, K.O.'ed Walter Gomez, 140, New Bedford, in three.

WORCESTER—Worcester's newest sensation, 19-year-old Don Williams, scored another impressive win with a triumph over Billy Kearns, 143, Wethersfield, Conn., in eight at the Auditorium. In another eight, Leo Sawicki, 145, Worcester, and Billy Murray, 144, Boston, battled to a draw. Leon Gabriel, 155, Springfield, outpointed Charley Dotson, 156, Boston, in six. Red Perkins, 139, Lynn, decisioned Carter Holmes, 159, Boston, in six, and Dick Callahan, 152, Boston, K.O.'ed Art Clay, 153, Providence, in one.

WATERVILLE, ME.—Bobby Pooler, 137, Portland, Me., K.O.'ed Ken Murray, 137, Oakland, Me., in three rounds of a scheduled eight-round windup. In a co-feature eight, Jack Dubois, 163, Waterville, stopped "K.O." Brown, 164, Pittsfield, Me., in three.

WORCESTER—Bill Daley, 144, Brookline, outboxed Edgar Greenwood, 151, New York, in the top eight at Mechanics Hall. Barry Wood, 133, Worcester, outpointed Henry "Kid" Briere, 133, Putnam, Conn., in another eight. Corky Davis, 140, Worcester, K.O.'ed Matty Robinson, 144, Boston, in three, and Joe Palaza, 130, Boston, stopped Billy Shea, 129, Boston, in five.

RUMFORD, ME.—Lloyd Hudson, 128, Bath, Me., the Pine Tree State's featherweight king, outpointed Jerry Lavigne, 122, Montreal, in eight rounds. Billy Sheridan, 124, Portland, Me., outpointed Paul Martin, 127, Lewiston, Me., in six.

BOSTON — World Featherweight Champion Willie Pep of Hartford, Conn., had little more than a gym workout at the Boston Garden as he easily defeated Joey Angelo of Providence, R. I., in ten fast rounds. The Goodwin A.C. presentation, witnessed by nearly 7000 fans, saw a typical Pep showing. He fought only when he had to and was in command of the situation all the way. Pep weighed 128 and Angelo 135. Tommy Collins, 126, Boston, won the eight-round semi-final from Lloyd Hudson, 126, Bath, Me., with ease. Although Collins has been winning lately, he still lacks the finesse of a top-notcher. Hayward Warner, 148, Boston, K.O.'ed Tony Genovese, 152, Boston, in the fourth with a right to the nose. Genovese had taken a trip to the canvas previously. Timothy King, 138, Quincy, stopped Mike Duffy, 140, Boston, in two, and Dom Saia, 127, Boston, won a hard-fought fourth-round T.K.O. win from Gene Gomez, 127, Boston. An eight-rounder saw Charley Smith, aggressive Newark, N. J., welter, send Al Dixon, 136, Manchester, N. H., to dreamland in the fifth round.

SALEM—Fighting almost every other week at the North Street Arena, Tony Riccio, 130, Medford, Mass., outpointed Johnny Wolgast, 128, Philadelphia, in ten rounds. Bobby Flanagan, 163, London, Ont., and Freddie Pratt, 170, Providence, R. I., engaged in the eight-round semi-final with the verdict being called a draw. Johnny Eber, 129, Toronto, Can., outboxed George Cote, 126, Lawrence, in six, and Tony Reno, 135, Boston, decisioned Joe Palaza, 132, Boston, in six.

PORTLAND, ME.—Davey Andrews, 144, Lowell, presently on a winning spree, kept it intact with a three-round T.K.O. victory over Richard Polite, 140, New Orleans, La., at the Exposition Building. Polite was down five times before the referee stopped it. A crushing right cross to the jaw was the final coupe de grace. Ralph Troiano, 145, Portland, defeated Jimmy Gagnon, 143, Lewiston, Me., in the six-round semi-final.

WATERVILLE, ME.—Jackie Fisher, 210, Waterville, knocked out Roger Bisson, 180, Montreal, in two rounds of a free-swinging fray. Ken Murray, 147, Oakland, Me., and Buddy Labbe, 138, Lewiston, Me., battled to a six-round draw.

FALL RIVER—Jerry Coursol, 150, Valley Stream, L. I., made his Border City appearance well felt as far as local boy Eddie Moniz was concerned after taking a 10-round decision over Moniz at the Fall River Casino. The weights were Coursol 150 and Moniz 147. Jackie Wilson, 146, Quincy, T.K.O.'ed Johnny Delaney, 149, Detroit, Mich., in three rounds. Charley Lagore, 153, Pawtucket, R. I., outpointed Johnny Luz, 152, New Bedford, in six, and Wilfred Gilmette, 146, Dartmouth, Mass., stiffened Al LeBlanc, 145, Fall River, in two.

WORCESTER—Floored in the first round, Harry Berntsen, 205, New York, came back to K. O. George Washington, 185, Binghamton, N. Y., in the fourth round at Mechanics Hall. Phil Rodrique, 159, Lewiston, Me., outpointed Milton Lightfoot, 157, Boston, in eight wild rounds. Ralph McNeil, 117, Springfield, threw only four punches to flatten Jerry Lavigne, 121, Montreal, and old-man Johnny Cool, 138, Worcester, outpointed Billy Mays, 136, Boston, in six.

RUMFORD, ME.—Al Michaud, 149, Lisbon, Me., outpointed Elwie Gallant, 147, Rumford, in eight rounds in a hard-fought bout. Another eight saw Jimmy Dinardo, 148, Berlin, N. H., outpoint Joe Gallant, 150, Rumford.

BOSTON—New England Welterweight Champion Johnny Cesario, 146½, Boston, came along fast in the closing frames to outpoint Bobby Zollo, 147, Providence, R. I., in 12 rounds of an All-Star Callahan A.C. card at the Boston Garden. The show, one of the best in Boston in many years, drew 13,283, and paid a net of $31,238. For Cesario it was the second time he has successfully defended his title against Zollo. In other 10-round attractions, Tippy Larkin, 146, Garfield, N. J., outboxed Joe DiMartino, 146, Bridgeport, Conn., in a slow bout; Jackie Weber, 135, Pawtucket, R. I., the New England lightweight champion, defeated Jack "Spider" Armstrong, 135, Toronto, in a good bout, and Charlie Fusari, 148, Irvington, N. J., iceman, "iced" Gus Mell, 150, Montreal, with a spectacular four-round K. O. victory. Fusari was outboxed by Mell in the first two rounds, but unleashed a vicious attack in the third and fourth heats that sent Mell off into dreamland. The Canadian was floored twice in the third with savage rights and just as the bell sounded ending the third, Mell was staggered into the ropes with a pile-driving smash. It was just a matter of time in the following round before the end came, a lethal right-hand wallop ending proceedings.

LEWISTON, ME.—Hermie Freeman rocked state rival Maurice "Lefty" LaChance to sleep in the tenth round at the City Hall. Freeman, from Bangor, weighed 137, and LaChance, from nearby Lisbon, tipped the beam at 138.

WORCESTER—One of the biggest upsets was registered at the Auditorium when youthful Bobby Flanagan, 161, London, Ont., held the highly regarded Al "Red" Priest, 156, Cambridge, Mass., to a 10-round draw in a rugged headliner that had the fans standing on their chairs. Flanagan, subbing for Billy Brown of Manchester, Conn., at the last minute, dominated the play in the first five rounds with a boxing display that had Priest baffled. The seasoned Priest recovered in the late rounds to earn the draw verdict. Leon Gabriel, 156, Springfield, and Jimmy Sauer, 152, Cambridge, Mass., battled to a draw in the eight-round semi-final bout.

FALL RIVER—Roy Andrews, 135, Lowell, continued his Fall River win splurge with a five-round K.O. triumph over Steve Kronis, 132, Boston. The loser tried hard but Roy had too many guns for the aggressive Greek to combat. Gene LeBlanc, 139, Fall River, outpointed Carter Holmes, 141, Boston, in the six-round semi-final.

PORTLAND, ME.—Henry Chemel, 160, Portland, one-time New England middleweight king, stopped Horace Bailey, 158, Biddeford, Me., in the fourth round after almost going down for the full count in the opening canto. The bout was staged at the Exposition Building.

WORCESTER—Vince Callahan, 141, Boston, one of New England's leading club fighters, outpunched Pedro Crivello, 139, Cambridge, Mass., in eight rounds at Mechanics Hall. Phil Rodrique, 158, Lewiston, Me., and Milton Lightfoot, 157, Boston, fought a draw in another eight.

BOSTON—A 7-5 betting underdog, Al "Red" Priest fought one of his best fights of his career to earn a split 10-round decision over "Irish" Pete Mead of New York in an action-filled main bout at the Boston Garden, sponsored by the Goodwin A.C. Mead was the sharper hitter, but Priest would not stop throwing gloves and was rightly deserving of the win. Duilio Spagnola, Italian heavyweight from Milan, showed marked improvement beating Harry Berntsen, Norwegian heavyweight from New York, in another ten. The weights were Berntsen 205 and Spagnola 187. Johnny Pretzie, 185, Watertown, outpointed Fred Ramsey, 200, Boston, in six rounds of a slow fight. Ernie Giusti, 139, West Warwick, R. I., outpointed Richard Polite, 140, New Orleans, La., in six. Giusti gave a dazzling display and won all the way except for the last round, when Polite's surge gave him the chapter. Joe Palaza, 135, Boston, outpointed Timothy King, 136, Quincy, in four.

LEWISTON, ME.—Sonny Horne, 160, Niles, Ohio, a ranking middleweight, made short work of Roland Norman, 159, New Orleans, La., at the City Hall as he won by a one-round K.O.

SALEM—Tony Riccio, 130, Medford, Mass., boxed Timothy "Buddy" Hayes, New England featherweight king, to a 10-round draw at the North Street Arena. Two judges voted a draw and the referee Riccio. Hayes weighed 129.

BANGOR, ME.—Hermie Freeman, 140, Bangor, won an unpopular 10-round win over Vince Callahan, 141, Boston, at the City Hall. Tom O'Connell, 141, Bangor, defeated Johnny Donovan, 146, Quincy, in six.

BURLINGTON, VT.—Bill Daley, 152, Brookline, Mass., K.O.'ed Ruby Margolin, 149, Montreal, a Vermont favorite, in the sixth round at the Auditorium. Buster Beaupre, 142, Burlington, making a comeback, outpointed Leo Methot, 141, Montreal, in six.

FALL RIVER—Roy Andrews, 135, Lowell, outboxed the veteran Paulie Jackson, 134, Reading, Pa., in the ten-round feature contest at the Casino. It was Andrews' third straight Fall River victory. Jimmy Sauer, 150, Cambridge, K.O.'ed Ceferino Bronco, 148, Fall River, in one.

WORCESTER—Don Williams, 140, Worcester, showed much ability in knocking out Billy Murray, 143, Boston, in the third round at the Auditorium. Dick Callahan, 155, Boston, outpointed Fernando Trindade, 153, Lisbon, Portugal, in eight, and Gene LeBlanc, 141, Fall River, decisioned Lee Britto, 140, Providence, in another eight.

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WESTERN NEW ENGLAND
By GEORGE ROSS

HOLYOKE, MASS.—Young Junior of Springfield, Mass., lost a ten round bout to Ted "Red Top" Davis of Brooklyn, N. Y. Al Michaud of Lewiston, Me., won a split decision over Lanny Trader, of New Haven, Ct., in six rounds. Jimmy Parlo, Manchester, N. H., won a decision over Jimmy Lynch of Worcester, Mass., in six rounds. Eddie Beaulieu of Lewiston, Maine, scored a technical kayo over Johnny Scott of Westover Field. Jimmy Gagne, Lewiston, Maine, stopped Billy Ross of Middletown, Ct., in the first of a six.

Valley Arena—Henry Hall, New Orleans, won a ten round decision over Wylie Burns of Harrisburg, Pa. Pat Vendrillo of Manchester, Ct., fought a draw with Winston Corbett of Holyoke, Mass., in a six rounder. Leon Hudson of Boston, Mass., kayoed Danny Dancosse of Hartford, Ct., in the first round. Milt Maurant of Philly stopped Jack Armstrong of Manchester, N. H., in the third round. Joey Costa of Springfield, Mass., scored a K.O. over Frank LaCroix of Hartford, Ct., in the fourth.

Valley Arena—Ted Lowry of New Haven, Ct., won a ten round bout over Saint Paul of Springfield, Mass., in the main bout. Rolly Johns of Albany, N. Y., received a draw in six rounds with Jimmy Parlo of Middletown, Ct. The fans favored Johns. Billy Mack of Keene, N. H., won a six rounder from Ray Roberts of Hartford, Ct., in a slugfest. Jimmy Garcia of New Haven took a bad beating from Billy Morris of Torrington, Ct., in a six rounder which was stopped by the referee in the third and given to Morris on a technical kayo. Paul Mello of Brattleboro, Vt., knocked out Fred Veratti of Springfield, Mass., in the first.

Valley Arena—Sandy Saddler of N. Y. won a ten round decision over Charlie Noel of Brooklyn, N. Y., in a good fight. Charlie Johnston's fighter was just too much for Noel. Saddler had Noel down twice in the seventh. Natie Brown of Albany, N. Y., won a six round bout over Jimmy Parlo of Middletown, Ct. Bobby Mack of Keene, N. H., won by a technical kayo over Ray Roberts of Middletown, Ct., in the fifth. Sammy Walker won by a kayo in the second round over George Parsons of Albany, N. Y. Brownie Michelis of Northampton, Mass., stopped Dick Mansfield of Springfield, Mass., in the first.

The writer went to Boston, Mass., to see Sam Silverman's Gala Boxing Show at the Boston Garden. Three ten round bouts and one twelve round bout were carded. The Spider Armstrong vs. Jackie Weber was an exceptionally fast fight.

WAY UP IN NEW HAMPSHIRE
With RALPH G. PELOQUIN

NEW HAMPSHIRE'S only weekly boxing club at Manchester suspended operations for one month so as not to interfere with the Golden Gloves tournament held in the Queen City for four weeks running. State amateur champions were crowned and will appear in more advanced competition circles, that of the New England championships to be staged at Lowell, Massachusetts.

As we go to press the regular pro shows held weekly at the Recreation Center, Manchester, N. H., will get underway with the announcement that new faces will feature the fistic programs from now on. At the annual State of New Hampshire Boxing Commission meeting several new applications were approved to permit promoters to stage boxing bouts in various parts of the Granite State. Two of these new applicants are from Berlin, N. H., way up in the White Mountains, where boxing was once very popular.

With the building of a new arena, with the seating capacity of about 3,500 for boxing events, it is probable that promoters will finally be successful. The official opening of this new arena took place the first part of 1948 and at present only ice skating and hockey is being conducted but by the first part of next June it is expected that the boxing game will be resumed after a long absence.

BOXING SHAVINGS—Jimmy Dinardo, Berlin welter, was the most active up this way last month, appearing in two out of state bouts. One at Rumford, Maine, an 8-round co-feature against Joe "Pea Soup" Gallant in which Jimmy copped a popular decision. The other bout in which Dinardo took part was at Portland, Maine, where he kayoed Whitey O'Dell, 149, of that city, in the third round. . . . Norman Marchand, another Berliner weighing 141, stopped John Treneworth, 139, Rumford, Maine, in 1.35 of the first round while Harry Wong, Portland Chinese pugilist, won by TKO over Dick Bergeron, 149, Berlin, N. H., in the second canto. Wong weighed 155½.

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AKRON, OHIO, BOXING NOTES
By TOMMY MAXWELL

THE Amateur Boxers' Training Association staged its annual banquet and Golden Gloves tourney during the past month. Each was a huge success. The one sorry note in the whole procedure being the resignation of the very popular Harry Krohn, as President after twelve hard years of service. Krohn was replaced by Harris "Irish" Patrick.

The Golden Gloves affair was as usual very good with the following champions crowned. In the open division, Cecil Richardson at 112 lbs., Chuck Freeman, 118; Herbie Jackson, 126; Ronnie Delaney, 135; Ray Harris, 147; Jim Gillespie, 160; Rudy Williams, 175; and Bob Golden, heavyweight.

In the novice class the winners were Al Dietz, 112; Paul LeMasters, 126; Chuck McDonald, 135; Harold Bakewell, 147; Ernie Stadvec, 160; Frank Favaro, 175; and Sam Johnson, heavyweight.

The award for the outstanding boxer in the tournament went to Ronnie Delaney, who just nosed out a couple of other boys by a mere point. The judges, Harry Minto, Dan Mathews of the Mathews Hotel and yours truly had to make a tough decision which was decided by a point system.

In the professional ranks Bob Heath and Johnny Hannison came up with two good shows and a large increase in attendance. They introduced a crowd pleaser in the first show of the month in Henry Snowflakes of Buffalo, N. Y. Henry won over the veteran Bob Garner in five heats by a T.K.O. after having things his own way from the first bell.

In the semi-final, Bobby Dare won by a T.K.O. over Bobby Berry when Berry received a deep wound over his left eye in the third round. Despite the two bouts being stopped there was plenty of action in each.

The prelims were good with Vic Kondik edging Kid Chocolate, Ralph Friedman, an exceptionally good looking prospect taking the nod over Eddie Elton and Jack Biddle turning back Lou Barry, the latter suffering a broken jaw.

In the second show of the month, Henry Snowflakes was to have fought Pat Comiskey but when big Pat turned up with a strep throat, they called on Colon Chaney of Tommy Leeper's Indianapolis, Ind., stable. Taking the bout on short notice, Chaney stopped Snowflakes' winning streak by outpointing him all the way. Chaney outboxed, outpunched and outsmarted the Buffalo kid.

In the semi-final, Dave Marsh upset the dope by handing Sammy Mastrean a trouncing. It was Marsh all the way except for one knockdown. In the prelims, Vic Kondik won over Ellwood Wood, Bob Gladman did likewise with Jack Biddle and Eddie Elton fought a draw with Al Timmons.

Tommy Leeper would like to show Colon Chaney here once when the latter had time to train for the match. Twice Chaney has stepped in on a minute's notice.

Veteran Joe Basco has returned to his Barberton, O., home after a sojourn in South Africa where he had Johnny Denson, Rudy Zadell, and other boys appear. It's now rumored Joe, Jr., will take off for there with the former welter champion, Fritzie Zivic, and Buddy Komar, McKeesport, Pa., heavy.

CLEVELAND RING NEWS
By PHIL GOLDSTEIN

LARRY ATKINS presented a great boxing program at the Arena. In one of the greatest bouts ever seen in Cleveland, Ezzard Charles shook off Archie Moore's best punches and kayoed the clever Moore in the eighth round.

Charles won the first two rounds, lost the next two, and then won the next three. They set a terrific pace and both contestants were hurt on numerous occasions.

Midway in the eighth round, Moore caught Charles with a terrific lefthook and followed his advantage with another hook and a good cross. Charles was definitely on the verge of a kayo, his eyes were glassy and his legs unsteady. But to the surprise of everyone, he snapped out of his dazed condition, landed a volley of left hooks and then a perfect right cross. That right spelled curtains for the aging but still amply capable Moore.

Charles proved to the vast audience that he is most dangerous when hurt. Clevelanders believe that Charles is the best lightheavy in the business.

Chuck Hunter, 163¼, gave Dave Clark, 167¼, a licking. Over-anxiousness cost Hunter a knockout victory over the game, cool, ever-trying fighter from Cincy. Chuck had excellent chances for a kayo in the second, fourth, and seventh rounds. Clark rallied in the last two frames and hurt Chuck in the final round.

Mickey Doyle, 160, pasted Charley Padalino, 158, in another 10. Despite the thorough going-over Charley was receiving, he always came back and occasionally hurt Doyle. Padalino was staggered several times and floored for a no count in the tenth.

Jackie Armitage won an unpopular split decision over Jackie Keough. Keough although handicapped by a cut eye fought great against his more experienced foe. He was fouled at least three times and twice was visibly hurt by the low punches. It was a great fight and will make a fine rematch.

Elhens Brothers, 186¾, scored a TKO over Al Smith, 196½, in the third. Floyd Gibson, 169¼, knocked out Tony DiMicco, 164¼, in the first. Both kayo winners looked exceptionally good.

George Kolorek, local welterweight, scored a four round kayo in Rochester.

Eddy Marotta, featherweight sensation, beat Pat Iacobucci for the second time in Chicago. It was an eight rounder and Eddy won more decisively than in the first meeting. Eddy then beat Henry La Sane, Texas lightweight at Minneapolis. As usual Eddy was a sensation. This bout was considered one of the greatest in that famous fight city.

FLASHES IN FISTIANA FROM WESTERN CANADA
By WALT MARLOW

FISTIC activity throughout Western Canada during the month of January was at a standstill, and as a result, three of Alberta's outstanding ringmen hit the road for "greener pastures."

On January 13th, Wilf Desjardins, popular Winnipeg welter fighting out of Calgary, journeyed to Spokane where he scored a third round K.O. triumph over "Red" Garrison. On the same program, Hal Kilgour, another Calgarian, lost a split decision to Eddie Haligen, popular Seattle middle. Desjardins was back again Jan. 23, and impressed Spokane fans with a sixth round T.K.O. verdict over Johnny Scott.

Georgie Mazurenko, Alberta's lightweight champion, left for Vancouver early in the month, where he hopes to carve a favorable niche for himself in the "leather-pushing" business.

Vancouver promoters Gordon Heggie and Gil Martin, were at this writing, figuring on a Kenny Lindsay-Jackie Turner match as their initial 1948 presentation.

Ernie Farr, popular Calgary boxing impresario was slated to start the '48 campaign off with a Western Canada welterweight title fray involving Tommy Deschambeault, Calgary welter, and Alec Boguski, Lethbridge. Will have the complete result for you next month.

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ROCHESTER, N. Y., BOXING NOTES

By SAM PORCELLI

EX-MARINE JOHNNY DE NERO, Rochester heavyweight, ran his victory string to seven in a row recently by beating Sherman Washington and Bobby Clark in Buffalo and Pat Richards in Rochester. The former Leatherneck has won 16 fights and had one draw in 20 bouts. Johnny tips the beams at 176½ pounds.

His last battle with Richards, a six-round semi-final on the Jan. 6 card here, was a sensational one.

In the main bout, Sammy Baroudi, 169½, of Akron, won over Frankie Best, 173, of Fredonia, N. Y., in 10 slow rounds. Frankie Castro, 119, of Valley Stream, N. Y., won over Joe Tambe, 123, of Buffalo, N. Y., in six. Harry (Snuffy) Smith, 139, of Rochester knocked out Lou Masona, 143, of New York City, in 2. Jerry Fleming, 158, Rochester, knocked out Jimmy Accordino, 159½, Passaic, N. J., in 2, and Ted Bell won over Tiger Smith in 6. The house grossed $4,785.50.

Harry (Snuffy) Smith is the boy to watch this year. Smith weighs 135 and looks like the best prospect of the year in and around Western New York. Smith won his last three fights by K.O.'s in Rochester, Syracuse and Binghamton, N. Y., respectively. He is a big favorite in Syracuse.

Irish Johnny Flynn, Rochester's heavyweight hope, battered and bloodied his heavyweight foe, Bill Weinberg, in their 10 round punchfest at the Sports Arena. Flynn won 7 of the 10 rounds and got the unanimous decision. Ten days previously Flynn had lost a six rounder to Enrique Felipe in Madison Square Garden.

In the other bouts, little Calvin Leigh, 115, of Rochester won his fourteenth out of 15 fights when he scored a convincing victory over Gabrielle Rios, 114, of Puerto Rico in a fast six rounder. Bill Giovine, 158, of New York, won over Jimmy DeGeorge, 157, of Rochester, in 6. Leonard Ceasar, 139, of Jersey City, knocked out Sam Galento of Springfield, Mass., in 4. Jerry Fleming, 156, of Rochester, won his third straight fight by defeating Willie Bell, 154, of Cleveland in 4. Joe Quarts, 158, Lyndhurst, N. J., won by a T.K.O. over Eddie Simms of Cleveland in 4, and Joey Paul, 129, of Cleveland, won by a T.K.O. over Mickey Millian, 131, of New York in one. The house grossed $6,886.

Following are the better amateur fights at the Elks Club during the month: Frankie Rath K.O.'ed Jackie Harris of Schenectady in one. Willie Gaino of Rochester won over Dick Robinson of Buffalo in 5. Lou Balone K.O.'ed John Lewis of Buffalo in 2. Peter Pavilsak, Binghamton, K.O.'ed Bill Gullo of Buffalo in 2. Bob Porter of Rochester defeated Sylvester Kuchinski of Buffalo in 3. Sal Brown, Rochester, defeated Sam Giabara in 3. Warren Stradley of Geneseo won over Tom Kenny of Binghamton in 3 rds.

At Binghamton, N. Y., Tommy Stenhouse, 131, K.O.'ed Carmenti of Puerto Rico in 3. Eli Hall, 160, of Buffalo, defeated Joey Martinez, 160, of Mexico, in six. Mel Williams, 146½, of Trenton, and James Nickens, 145, of New York, fought to a draw in six. Joe Martin, 249, of Wilkes-Barre, knocked out Wally Bell, 219, of Binghamton, in 2. Don Riffe, 187, of Binghamton, defeated Earl Turner, 206, of New York in 4. Butch Kottnick, 174½, of Oneonta K.O.'ed Don Compo, 174, of Syracuse, in 3.

Irish Johnny Rowe, junior welterweight, and Wild Bill Foley are two good looking prospects. Foley is back in training and is well liked in Syracuse and Buffalo. Foley weighs 126.

Fights are being held weekly in Rochester and fighters wishing to show in Rochester should contact the writer at 103 S. Union St. and amateur fighters or trainers of amateur fighters wishing to show their wares in Rochester would do well to write to John Burba at the Elks Club, Rochester, N. Y.

IOWA, NEBRASKA AND SOUTH DAKOTA SPARKS

By BILL HAWKINS

BOXING in this section has moved into the booming stage. Reports coming in from South Dakota, Nebraska and Iowa during the past month show large crowds turning out for both the professional and amateur boxing cards.

Humboldt, Ia.—Frank Gotch, Jr., is now making a name for himself, but not in the profession of his famous dad. The 32-year-old son of the late world champion wrestler paid a visit to his grandmother here. He is a financial analyst in Houston, Tex., where he's made his home for the last 10 years. The famous Frank Gotch wanted to make a grappler out of his son, but as things sometimes work out, young Gotch wanted to learn other things. Scholastic training at Shattuck Military Academy in Minnesota and Carleton College in Northfield, Minn., sent young Gotch into the field of business administration.

Mitchell, S. D.—Three boxers advanced into the third round of the Mitchell sectional Golden Gloves tournament staged here, after scoring two wins each. The opening night card drew a record crowd and featured 17 bouts. Eight boxers, champions in the Mitchell Golden Gloves boxing tournament, qualified for the Sioux City *Journal-Tribune* annual tournament.

Huron, S. D.—A crowd of 1500 boxing fans turned out as the Cooperative Club staged a boxing card here.

Omaha, Neb.—Special to RING correspondent. Midwest cities were promised some big-time boxing following a meeting of promoters in Des Moines, Ia. Max Clayton, Omaha promoter, was named chairman of a newly-formed organization designed to bring boxing back to a big-time level. The meeting was called by Pinkie George, Des Moines promoter. Through the organization, Mr. Clayton stated, the promoters hope to attract "bigger names in boxing to the Midwest through co-operative promotions."

The group includes, besides Messrs. Clayton and George, Tony Stecher of Minneapolis, Billy Colbert of St. Paul, Max Yeargain of Topeka, Kan., and Tom McHugh of Kansas City, Mo. The organization plans to include Denver when that city is "ready to start fight promotions," said Mr. Clayton.

Floyd Hayes, our Omaha assistant, reports plenty of action from that section during the past month. Boxers and managers wishing a good contact man in Omaha would do well to get in touch with Hayes. Mail will reach him at 2209 Vinton Street, Omaha, Neb.

Omaha, Neb.—In the main event of the semi-monthly boxing show, Jackie Darthard, 158½, the pride of Kansas City, K.O.'ed Eddie Miller, 157, Dayton, Ohio, at 1:58 of the first round. In taking the win Darthard chalked up his 28th consecutive win since joining the fight for pay boys. Words of praise were on the lips of every one of the 1968 who chipped in $3585.50 to get the glimpse of the Kansas Negro.

In the six-round semi-windup, Joey Hartfield, 165, Omaha, drew with Joe Amato, 164, Puerto Rico. It was Hartfield's last fight in Omaha as he plans to invade the west coast. . . . The fans loved the six-round special event in which Sid Caples, 134, Kansas City, scored a T.K.O. over Harry Schinski, 134, St. Louis, at 2:33 of the first. Caples drew a great hand from the fans as he left the ring and no doubt assured himself of future bouts in Omaha. . . . In the best of the preliminary bouts, Larry Watson, 158½, Omaha, won a four-round decision over Nick Basil, 155, Detroit. Watson floored the boy from Detroit for an eight count in the fourth, but Basil got off the deck and hung on to Watson tighter than the bark on a tree and managed to keep from being a K.O. victim. Basil was still groggy at the final bell. . . . Howie Walling, 128½, Omaha, and Mickey Hogan, 134, Kansas City, drew in a four-rounder. Walling is one of Omaha's newcomers to the pro ranks and did very well with the more experienced and heavier foe. . . . The curtain raiser was just one of those things. Jack Feller, 173, Belleville, Ill., was too much for Benny Langdon, 175, Kansas City, and Referee Joe Smogye stepped in and stopped it at 1:55 of the third round. Langdon was bleeding from cut lips and cuts above each eye.

Omaha, Neb—In the main event of a boxing show promoted by Max "Squire" Clayton, Kid Riviera, 228, St. Louis, decisioned Hubert Hood, 205, Chicago, in ten rounds. The 1624 fans who chipped in $2975.75 never got excited about the loving match.

In the semi-windup, crowd pleasing Pat McCafferty, 170, Topeka, Kan., K.O.'ed Charley Dotson, 161, Memphis, Tenn., at 1:02 of the fourth round. McCafferty had floored Dotson for the nine count in the first, third and fourth round.

The scheduled six-round special event was an action-packed affair as long as it lasted. Maxie Starr, 139, Mandan, N. D., scored a T.K.O. over Joey Alcanter, 140, Kansas City, at 2:36 of the third round. Starr was a master of the infighting and would trap Alcanter in a corner and deliver punches by the score. Starr battered Alcanter to the canvas several times and then Referee Alex Fidler stepped in and saved Alcanter from further punishment when he was on the verge of being iced.

In the preliminaries, Jimmy Watson, 158, Omaha, floored Wayne Strowbridge, 153, Colorado Springs, Col., three times and the Colorado boy was out on his feet, but Referee Paul Hartnek called it a draw, much to the fans' displeasure. Buddy McCrea is rounding up a group of boys and starting a stable and saw one of his boys, Duke Abrams, 163, Omaha, give unorthodox Manuel Segobia, 161, Omaha, a terrific lacing in taking the four-round decision. Howard Walling, 129, Omaha, took a four-round decision over Chief Jackson, 124, Blackwell, Okla., as he hit the comeback trail after a layoff of several months. Walling is being handled by Paul Hernandez.

Council Bluffs, Iowa—With the Southwestern Iowa Golden Gloves Tourney completed the following amateurs were crowned champions: 112 pounds, Francis Morrison, Honey Creek, Ia.; 118 pounds, Harold Briggs, Council Bluffs, Ia.; 126 pounds, Kay La Flore, Council Bluffs, Ia.; 135 pounds, George Massouris, Council Bluffs, Ia.; 147 pounds, Bud Guyett, Woodbine, Ia.; 160 pounds, Danny Sims, Villisca, Ia.; 175 pounds, Francis Berens, Council Bluffs, Ia., and heavyweight, Joe Svoboda, Glenwood, Ia.

Last minute sparks—The past month has been a heavy one with boxing news swamping us under. . . . As we have mentioned several times space is limited—we can't carry all the news all the time, but we are doing our best to carry most of your news most of the time. . . . This interest from our readers and senders of news is proof that THE RING is the mouthpiece of the boxing world. . . . Pinkie George, Des Moines boxing promoter, has several good boxing cards in line for the indoor season. . . . Ty Dillon, Sioux City Golden Gloves boxing coach, has settled things with Orlan Ott, former Hartley, Ia., fighter who won the National Gloves heavyweight crown four years ago in Chicago. . . . Ty sold the latter's contract to Fred Gillies of Chicago. Billy Mason, National A.A.U. junior flyweight champion, is training boxers in Des Moines.

Remember our address is 2206 N. Lafayette Street, Sioux City, Ia., and mail must be in our hands by the 6th of each month. . . . Dave Nemo is director of the Jewish Community Center's amateur boxing cards in Des Moines. . . . With nearly a week to go entries for a Golden Gloves tourney in Moline, Ill., reached 199, proof that boxing is not a dead "sport." . . . The Indians are on the warpath—22 Indians entered the Sioux City Golden Gloves boxing tourney. . . . Bob Morley, Sioux City boxing promoter and a former Golden Gloves champion, has been appointed as an assistant trainer to Ty Dillon. . . . Amateur boxers and coaches, trainers and managers, if you have team pictures of your boxers please mail us a copy.

Buddy McCrea, the clowning boxer of a few years back, is planning on organizing a boxing stable of Negro fistic stars. He now has Charley Green and Duke Abrams under his wing, and both boys have been used on recent cards in Omaha.

The American Legion Post No. 1 boxing team carried home all of the honors in the Omaha City Golden Gloves tourney. Bob Rushing, former Golden Gloves champion, saw seven of his eight first team men win championships and the eighth winner was one of Rushing's second team men. The new city Golden Gloves champions are as follows: 112 pounds, James Molo; 118 pounds, Rodney Reynolds; 126 pounds, James Gregory; 135 pounds, Reggie Hughes; 147 pounds, Rolland Jakes; 160 pounds, Leonard Craig; 175 pounds, Eugene Brown, and heavyweight, Alex McNack. . . . Molo is an Hawaiian, Reynolds is Irish and the rest of the champions are Negro boys.

Boxing fans who remember Ed "Bearcat" Wright, "The Cat" of years gone by, can get ready for a carbon copy. Ed Bearcat Wright, Jr., will be ready for Golden Gloves competition next year. He is just 15 years old, too young for this year, although he is 6 feet, 5 inches tall and weighs 230 pounds. He has been doing a little boxing and is pretty handy with the dukes and don't let the weight mislead you as the young "Cat" is not fat.

DENVER AND VICINITY

By W. G. (BILL) THOMAS, JR.

DENVER fight fans were treated to their first boxing show since last August, when Promoter Pete Albright imported boxers for a card February 3. The boxing commission refused Albright permission to use any Denver boxers on the card. It seems the man who controls the Colorado commission has a personal grudge against the man who handles most of the Denver boxers. Thus, the Colorado boxing commission is to blame for the poor show presented by Albright.

In the ten round main event, Frankie Rivera, 122, Kansas City, decisioned Frankie Montoya, 122, Las Vegas, N. M. Montoya suffered a fractured jaw in the second round, but was forced to continue after an examination by the commission doctor. After the bout, the commissioners met and were set to give the fighter a suspension in N.B.A. territory, but the X-ray taken immediately after the fight, proved Montoya had suffered a broken jaw. We wonder how long Gov. Knous will permit Commission Chairman Eddie Bohn to get away with this kind of rot.

The backup card was about average. Wayne Strobridge, 151, Colorado Springs, decisioned Jimmy Alvarado, 158, Montrose, in the six round semi windup. Johnny Martinez, 120, and Hollywood Martin, 118, staged a slugging bee which ended in the fourth round with Martin being counted out. In four rounders: Sugar Christo decisioned Freddie Dillon in a lightweight scrap; Jimmy Sullivan kayoed Ramon Gonzales in the first round of a featherweight tussle; Herman Porter kayoed Pete Falcon in the first round of a welterweight battle.

The annual Elks-*News* Golden Gloves tournament was a huge success. Sixteen champions were crowned after seven nights of fighting. The eight A class champions will be sent to Chicago to compete in the annual tournament of champions. The A class winners are: Ted Smith, flyweight; Red Martinez, bantamweight; Art Irlando, featherweight; Napoleon Hodges, lightweight; Melvin Nelson, welterweight; Roy Nelson, middleweight; George Nippert, light-heavyweight; Floyd Richardson, heavyweight.

Denver's leading professionals were practically idle the past month. . . . Dick Weinhold won a ten round decision from Rube Krug at Bismarck, N. D. . . . Corky Gonzales whipped Frankie Rivera in a six rounder at Omaha. . . . Mustang Garcia drew in a ten with Billy Cornwell at Des Moines. . . . Joe Danos, Denver's portside pounder, remained idle during January. . . . Whitey Bolton, Colorado Springs manager, has a fine stable of fighters. The fighters are all young and eager to learn. Bolton's star is Wayne Strobridge, who has just turned eighteen. Wayne resembles Billy Conn in action.

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FIGHTIN' WORDS FROM TOLEDO

By ED HACKLEY

TOLEDO had only one show in December, but it was one that was encouraging for the future. Held in the new and big Sports Arena, and promoted by the new combine of Thurkettle, George and Stimmel, the show did well and satisfied the cash customers. As the Arena seats 8500, it looks as though Toledo is going to have some good cards in the future and that a profit will be shown for all concerned.

The final bout featured Eddie O'Neil, who had made a great hit here in beating Ossie Harris, against the willing and tough Joe Curcio of Newark. It was a good action fight. Both boys were on the floor early in the bout. Curcio edged out O'Neil by his relentless attack.

In the second ten Freddie Dawson, Chicago lightweight contender, stopped Candy McDaniels of New Orleans and Cincinnati. Dawson, from the first bell, bored in, slipping punches, countering and showing a devastating body attack.

The prelims also ended in K.O.'s. Eddie Miller, Dayton middle, stopped Bernie Humphries in three. Dom Berado, Detroit light-heavy, stopped George Ward, also of Detroit, in one. Walt Evans of Toledo stopped Sidney Oliver, rugged Detroit welter, in two, and Chuck Ross of Kalamazoo stopped Dick Best, Detroit middle, in two.

Evans, the only Toledo boy on the card, showed well in his victory. It looks as if he may develop into the local main eventer, that Toledo needs so badly.

Eddie Miller's fight was the only six on the undercard. The other three bouts were all four-round affairs.

As this column is sent in the local Golden Gloves is just reaching the semi-final stage. Considering that it is just the second year of the tournament, and that there is still no program of match cards to develop talent, the caliber of boxers developed is phenomenal.

The new Local 9 gymnasium, which opened here under the direction of Barney Quilter, put in a squad of good-looking boys in the Golden Gloves but they just didn't get the breaks. They met the top seeded fighters early in the tournament, and most of the decisions that they lost, were of the flip of the coin variety. The Perales brothers and John Garcia were the best of the Local 9 outfit.

The writer, besides booking a topnotch lightweight in the pro ranks, in addition to Harry Lewis, tough Toledo lightheavy, and Walt Evans, handles a ten man amateur team, and works in close conjunction with Barney Quilter, manager of the new Local 9 gym, who also has several good amateur boys under his wing. Any one wishing the services of a good team of amateurs composed of amateurs from the two clubs, may contact the writer.

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PHILADELPHIA NOTES
With ARCHIE PIROLLI

IKE WILLIAMS, lightweight king, defeated Freddy Dawson, 137, Chicago, in 10 rounds.

Archie Wilmer, 137, Philadelphia, won over Danny Petro, 134, Washington, in the semi-final of eight rounds; Jimmy Sims, 138, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Johnny Suarez, 143, New York, in the third round; Lou Joyce, 138½, Philadelphia, defeated Al Victoria, 141½, New York, in six rounds and Johnny Bernardo, 140, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Lew Cooper, 136½, Philadelphia, in the fourth round.

Livio Minelli, Italy, 143, won over Johnny Bratton, 139, Chicago, in the ten-round windup at Convention Hall; Clarence Johnson, 143½, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Billy Justine, 143½, Philadelphia, in the third round of the semi-final; Bill Poli, 156, Italy, won over Joe Falco, 151, Philadelphia, in eight rounds; Kenny Harris, 168, Philadelphia, stopped Floyd Stepheny, 164½, California, in the sixth round.

Nunzio Carto, 132, Philadelphia, won over Matt Parker, 132, Camden, in the windup of eight rounds. In the semi-final of six rounds, Joe Cuccinotti, 121, Philadelphia, outpointed Earl Kelly, 115, Philadelphia; Franey Di Piano, 126, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Teddy Williams, 121, Philadelphia, in the first round; Billy Gallagher, 150, and Jackie Hall, 150, Philadelphia, went six rounds to a draw; Tony Alexander, 150, Philadelphia, halted George Carty, Camden, in the third round, and Aaron Tart, 124, Philadelphia, stopped Al Jones, 127, in the third round.

Joey Fagan, 138, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed George Neubeck, 140, Baltimore, in the second round. Harvey Turner, 155½, Philadelphia, and Teddy Turner, 165, Philadelphia, fought a six-round draw; Al Combs, 149½, Philadelphia, defeated Randy Ingram, 154, Philadelphia, in six; Harvey Ayers, 195½, Philadelphia, outpointed Earl Griffith, 196½, Chester, in six, and Tony Alexander, 148, Philadelphia, stopped George Carty, 143, Philadelphia, in three rounds.

Nunzio Carto, 131½, Philadelphia, defeated Joey Longo, 130½, Baltimore, in eight rounds. Ray Klingmeyer, 136, Baltimore, halted Ray Brown, 140, Philadelphia, in four rounds of the semi-final six; Bruce Ubaldo, 149, Philadelphia, stopped Joey Bell, 123, Philadelphia, in the second round; Tommy Wilson, 138, Philadelphia, defeated Al Barge, 142, Camden, in six, and Bobby Green, 126, defeated Aaron Tart, 126, in a local bout.

Joey Fagan, 137, Philadelphia, lost in an upset to Sammy Daniels, 140, Baltimore, in eight rounds; Teddy Turner, 164½, Philadelphia, defeated Harvey Turner, 159, Philadelphia, in the semi-final six; Bruce Ubaldo, 149, Philadelphia, defeated Young Roundtree, 139, Philadelphia, in six; Vince Merollo, 141, Philadelphia, stopped Al Berry, 143, Philadelphia, in four rounds, and Tony Alexander, 145, halted Girard Bryant, 150, Philadelphia, in the fourth round.

George La Rover, Philadelphia, 149½, K.O.'ed Jimmy Henderson, 155½, Paterson, N. J., in the second round; George Hunter, 139, Philadelphia, stopped George Neubeck, Baltimore, in four rounds of the semi-final; Ray Klingmeyer, 135½, Baltimore, defeated Al Barge, 139, Camden, in six rounds; Eddie Freeman, 125, and Bobby Green, 133, both Philadelphians, fought a four-round draw.

Billy Nixon, 149, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Otis Graham, 146½, Philadelphia, in one round; Calvin Smith, 136, Philadelphia, defeated Jimmy Sims, 137½, Philadelphia, in six; Le Roy Johnson, 123½, Philadelphia, won over Jimmy Sulla, 126, Philadelphia, in six; Can Hook, 126, Philadelphia, outpointed Tony Cocco, 118½, Philadelphia, in six, and Johnny Drain, 141, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Joseph Hoskings, 147, in the first round.

Johnny Forte, 136, Philadelphia, defeated Earl Huff, 132½, Camden, in a close eight-round bout; Tom Fambrough, 164½, Philadelphia, easily defeated Jimmy Heminger, 164½, Tiflin, Ohio, in six rounds; Joe Tate, 161, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed Jimmy Moore, Chester, in the second round; Tommy Ruth, 170, Philadelphia, flattened George Slater, 165½, Philadelphia, in the first round, and Billy Guy, 191, K.O.'ed Al Miller, 200, Philadelphia, in the second.

Otis Graham, Philadelphia, welter, won on a split decision over Phil Barton, St. Louis, in eight rounds; Tom Fambrough, 162, Philadelphia, outpointed Tom Ruth, 168, Philadelphia, in six rounds; Joe Gannon, 164, Washington, outpointed Charley Hilton, 160, Philadelphia, in six rounds; Eddie Thomas, 133½, Philadelphia, stopped Archie Derry, 133, New Rochelle, N. Y., in the first round, and Bob Payne, 173, Philadelphia, K.O.'ed James J. Deckard, 181, Camden, in the third round.

Jimmy Collins, 135, Philadelphia, won over Charley (Cabey) Lewis, 130½, New York, in eight rounds. In the semi-final of six rounds, Charley Williams, 154, Newark, and Primos Cutler, 152, Paulsboro, N. J., fought a six-round draw; Le Roy Johnson, 121, Philadelphia, defeated Gus Crosby, 130, Philadelphia, in six; Wally Sears, 185, Minersville, Pa., defeated Earl Griffin, 195, Chester, in six rounds, and Jimmy Morton, 155½, outpointed Joe Aurillo, 158, Chester, in six.

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IN CHICAGO
With GENE ENGEL

SAM BAROUDI, Mike Spinaldi's light-heavyweight protege, fresh from his ten-round triumph here over Al Johnson, startled Chicagoans as well as Bob Satterfield, highly-touted Windy Cityite, who was punched to the canvas six times before the bout was halted in the second round on the Beau Jack versus Johnny Bratton card at the Chicago Stadium.

The Beau Jack card drew a turnout of 13,066 fans with a gross gate amounting to $57,499.

In the first three rounds Johnny Bratton dazzled his rival by repeated jabs, but from the fifth round on Beau Jack took the lead and held it.

Eddie Marotta, Cleveland 128-pounder, beat Pat Iacobucci, Cincinnati featherweight, in an eight-round attraction.

In a six-rounder Jerry Meklir, 132-pound Detroiter, defeated Oliver Cobbins, out of Cincinnati, and Tommy Lemmon, Milwaukee 155-pounder, defeated Jimmy Ward of Chicago in the opening bout on the card.

World's Heavyweight Champion Joe Louis engaged in a four-round exhibition against the formidable light-heavyweight contender, Bob Foxworth. 9556 Chicago boosters paid $36,402 to see the mill.

The professional card underneath ended as follows: Harold Guss, St. Louis, 183-pounder, defeated Verne Esco of Toronto, Canada, for a second time—the bout itself was a drab affair, with too much holding. They went eight rounds.

Norman Horton, middleweight out of Dayton, Ohio, edged out Nick Raneri in a six-rounder. It was Art Winch's southpaw's first loss in eight pro contests.

Ocie Talbert, heavyweight stablemate of Foxworth, outpunched Chief Don Eagle in an interesting six-round bout.

Jimmy Wester, Nessie Blumenthal's 170-pound prospect, spilled Bobby Lee (twice) before the arbiter halted the one-sided contest.

Bobby Henry, Chicago, featherweight, defeated a St. Louis boy, Jimmy McGhee. And Harry Szerinski of St. Louis, Mo., got off the floor from a first-round knockdown to fight a four-round draw with Sammy Joseph, Pete Lello's find.

Logan Arena—Louis Grey, St. Louis, Mo., 162-pounder, outmaneuvered Lafayette Drummond, Chicago, 155-pounder, in the eight-round main event.

DeWitt Dean, Detroit, Michigan, middleweight, surprised with his convincing win over Clifton Williams, who suffered his first loss.

Clinton Bacon achieved his ninth K.O. out of 14 pro fights, when he stopped Fred Koger in the second round.

Ed Rawlings, Chicago, 147-pounder, extended Doyle Hirth, Grand Rapids, Mich., to a draw. K.O. Morgan, another "Motor City" battler, stopped Jimmy Lewis in a heat, and Doug Van Hoff, Kenosha, Wis., 138-pounder, stopped Stafford Williams in three rounds of the four-round tiffs.

Marigold Gardens Arena—Jimmy Sherrer, Milwaukee, 150-pounder, won a slashing contest from Melvin Johnson, Ike Bernstein's newly acquired 148-pounder. Sherrer's last ditch rally gave him the edge in the eight-round event.

Tommy Lemmon, Milwaukee, middleweight, hit and cuffed Troy Gray of Indianapolis at will for three rounds before the bout was halted.

And in the fours, Joie Joy, Milwaukee, 150-pounder, won over Dave Green; Bob Sandberg, Rockford, lightweight, stopped Raymond Glenn, Indianapolis, in two heats, and Tiger Weems, Chicago, lightweight, won over Ed Rawlings in the curtain raiser.

Over at Louisville, Ky., Vince Calzaretto, Chicago, heavyweight, held Gibbs Pike to an eight-round draw.

At Seattle, Wash., Bill Petersen, one-time Chicagoan, now staking his claims westward, defeated Jerry McSwain in a ten-round glove-spat.

Marigold Gardens Arena—Collins Brown looked pathetic in his bout with Eddie Miller, in a double eight-round headliner, when Eddie Miller of Dayton, Ohio, put him away in the fifth round.

In the co-feature, Lafayette Drummond and Horace Wilkins, fellow Chicago middleweights, collided in a slugfest. The bout ended in a draw.

In the fours, Orland Ott, Hartley, Iowa, former Golden Glover, managed by Mickey Patrick, beat Billy Sullivan.

Nick Ranieri, Chicago, stopped Fred Koger in two rounds; Otis Walker of Cleveland won over Jimmy Ward, Chicago.

Jimmy Sheets, Hammond, 170-pounder, and Virgil Strauss, East Chicago, fought to a standstill.

Coliseum Boxing Club—Tim Dalton, Chicago, lightweight, won handily over Floyd "Red" Le Vasseur of Bay City, Mich., in the eight-round windup.

James Arnold, 182-pound Chicago heavy, bested Vince Calzaretto, local 190-pounder, in the six-round semi-final.

In another sixer Chief Don Eagle earned the laurels over Al Timmons of Cleveland.

In the fours, Bill Handlin, Detroit, won over Willie Wright, middleweights; Jimmy Wester did a good job on Billy Davis in two rounds. In the opener Harry Szerzinski, St. Louis, lightweight, won over Dick Brewer.

Tony Zale, ex-world's middleweight champ, engaged in his first bout since his dethronement by Rocky Graziano, stopping Al Turner of Buffalo, N. Y., in the fifth round at Grand Rapids, Mich. Pete Petroskey promoted the show.

Logan Arena—Sylvester Perkins, hard-hitting Chicago middleweight, had all he could do to eke out an eight-round win over Collegiate Lou King.

Clinton Bacon, a K.O. artist, registered another K.O.—this time over James Smyles, Chicago light-heavyweight, in the second round.

The four-round contests were as follows: Mitchell Walton, Gary, Ind., gained the nod over southpaw Chuck McGow, out of Detroit; Jimmy Parks, Chicago, ended Jimmy Lewis's grief in round two; Otto Stowe, Chicago, heavy, outscored Leroy Scales, also of Chicago.

And in the opener, Stan Hartman, Van Wert, Ohio, featherweight puncher, won unanimously over Jimmy Perrin of Chicago.

Bob Foxworth, Chicago's outstanding light-heavy, trekked down to St. Louis, Mo., and K.O.'ed Fitzie Fitzpatrick of Los Angeles in the fifth round.

Marigold Gardens Arena—Charley Riley, St. Louis's featherweight contender, took just one round to convince Karel Joris of Antwerp, Belgium, that he isn't prepared to mingle with our topnotchers.

In a companion feature, Sylvester Perkins, Chicago, middleweight, had one of Louis Gray's eyes pretty well closed and the other optic partially shut when, in the sixth frame, Gray became his own judge and informed the ref he couldn't continue. Gray is from St. Louis, Mo.

Jesse Turner, St. Louis, lightweight, won over Tilford Ward; Ed Rawlings proved the better of the two when he catapulted over Doug Van Hoff, 138-pounders; Bob Sandberg, Rockford southpaw puncher, stowed away Jimmy Parks in a round, and Tiger Weems, Chicago, outpointed Ernie DeFrance of Wichita, Kan., in the opening joust.

Coliseum—Ralph Jones, St. Louis, middleweight, gained a great deal of admiration from the fans, when at the end of eight rounds of interesting milling, Jones was awarded a draw for his effort.

In the other half of the eight-round features Danny Robinson, Chicago, 140-pounder, made short work of Leon Spencer of Cleveland, and settled for a one-round K.O. victory.

In a special six-round contest Ocie Talbert took another step in the right direction when he was credited with a T.K.O. win over Orlando Trotter in the third round. Talbert dropped Trotter with a right, and Trotter arose wobbly, and Referee Bernie Wiseman wisely intervened.

Jim Gully stopped Al Jackson in the fourth and last round. Jackson belongs to Johnny Coulon.

George Brown, Indiana Harbor heavy, outpunched Billy Sullivan and Dick Brewer surprised with a one-round K.O. of Bobby Dean, who was making his pro debut.

Marigold Gardens Arena—Jimmy Sherrer and Mel Johnson, Milwaukee and Chicago, respectively, repeated their hectic eight-round shindig with the three-way official compilations giving Sherrer the edge 41-39.

In the twin feature of eight rounds Talmadge Bussey of Detroit stopped Wray Carter in two heats, while in the fours Clinton Bacon had Southpaw Billy Reese on the floor but couldn't keep him there, otherwise won with plenty to spare. Bob Sandberg, Rockford, K.O.'ed Ed Rawlings, three rounds. James Arnold, Chicago, heavy, outpointed Otto Stowe, Springfield, Ill.

In a special five-round affair, "Irish" Jimmy Cone ended hostilities with Dave Green in the opening canto.

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UNDER SOUTHERN SKIES

By TOM EPHREM

PROMOTER LOU VISCUSI came out with Tampa's show of shows in the Tommy Gomez-Joe Matisi heavyweight spectacle. This was the match for which every citizen of the Cigar City had been hankering. Over six thousand customers packed the Armory like sardines with many still on the outside turned away.

Gomez showed what body punishment could do when you face a tough, rugged customer like Matisi. The Pride of Tampa found Joe's tummy a target for his hard left hooks and kept digging in there until the curtain closed at the end of the seventh round of the best heavyweight scrap this correspondent has seen. Seconds after the seventh round scrapping ended, Matisi's corner announced Joe was through for the night.

In the semi-final of eight rounds, after two slow rounds, Pat Brady, of New York, cut loose and won unanimously over Baby Joe Diaz. Brady, at 136, was in better condition than Diaz, 140. Blondy Baggett took a lightweight sixer from Jimmy Maddox in another good scrap. The verdict also went to Al Silverman, of New York, in six over Joe Legon II, of Havana. Al tipped 140, and Joe, 139. Our card gave it to Legon II, who scored all the way with cleaner punches. Danny Butler, a bigger boy than Joey Costa Monteiro, boxed nicely to win unanimously in six. Monteiro is a small lightweight, and Butler a welter. The featherweight opener was a punching duel between Danny Jeffries, of Canada, and Jackie Patton, of Pennsylvania. Jeffries won unanimously also. It was a four-rounder and opened up a wonderful fight card.

West Palm Beach—Paul Midiri, the Corona, L. I., lightweight, won eight of the ten rounds from Tommy "Red" Wells, of Manchester, N. H., in the feature attraction here. Midiri was too fast for Wells who was unable to park any damaging wallops. Mike Saad, 150, Manchester, N. H., won an eight rounder from Frankie Wallace, 147, a Houston boy. Frankie Theodore, 158, Manchester, N. H., put the slumber sock over on Bernie Harper who went out in the first. A featherweight six rounder saw Jimmy Bruton beat Orestes Rodriguez, while in fours, Phil Saad, 151, of Bridgeport, Conn. beat Jack Brockwell, 154; and Walter Keyes, 138, beat Bobby Sylvester, 141.

After beating Frankie Abrams in Miami in the rubber match, Tony Falco, popular Connecticut welterweight, technically stopped Ray Delgado in Tampa, then went North to trim Walter Stevens in Providence. Tony, with Mrs. Falco, is residing in Tampa for the season. He is trained by wise Bill Gore. F. Abrams made a trip North to Brooklyn and lost an eight rounder to Al Hirsch.

Introductions on the Gomez-Matisi program included the featherweight champion of the world, Willie Pep; one of his contenders, Jock Leslie; welterweight title aspirant Johnny Cesario; promising prospects Carey Mace, a talented 18 year old Hartford welter; and Vic Cardell, of the same stable and a crowd-pleasing 145 pounder. All received a big hand.

Buddy Scott, Jacksonville heavyweight, made the comeback trail a successful one in winning over his opponent in Orlando. It was a ten rounder. Scott operates a popular drive-in stand here in Jacksonville and has a gym for his fighters a few feet nearby. Local Johnny Carroll, pleasing welterweight and tall Johnny Black, punching middleweight, are the main springs in the Scott stable.

Miami—Steve Belloise gave Miamians and Oswaldo Silva of Brazil a sample of his punching before a capacity Civic Center crowd in winning a ten round decision over the South American middleweight. It was unanimous. Good as Steve's punching was in battering Silva, the crowd went to Oswaldo for his game showing. A slugging bee ensued in the semi-final eight between Johnny Black, of Jacksonville, and Jack Biddle, of Pittsburgh. The middleweight pair went to a draw. Jimmy Bruton, 129, of Springfield, Mass., drew in a six with Auggie Yarratt, 123½, of Louisville. Fist Dever, Grand Rapids middleweight, finished Phil Saad, 151½, in the sixth and last round. Jack Boderone, 150 pounder from Brazil, stopped Johnny Drake, 160¼, in round four of their fight.

Jack (Zunk) Serlin, former assistant matchmaker at Madison Square Garden, is now calling Florida his home. Zunk is back at his favorite work, matching the boys for the Biscayne Arena where Sam Weinstein promotes. Serlin is among the aces when it comes to lining up the boys and should be able to do plenty for the club.

Some previous Miami shows at the Civic Center where Dave White promotes . . . On January 7, Pete Manchio lost a fast tenner to Chico Pacheco, while in the semi, Jesus LaMela, of Cuba, kayoed Danny Rosati, of New York, in round five. . . . On January 21st, Ben Montabana, of Birmingham, was held to a ten round draw by Jesus LeMela, of Cuba. In the semi eight, Danny Rosati made up for his bad showing by punching a decision over Frankie Wallace in a welter bout. Thanks for the news, Jack Doran.

Eddie Brun writes in that he is in association with Whitey Esnault, managing fistic talent in New Orleans. Eddie and Whitey have among their stable, Keith Hamilton, 1945 National amateur 135 pound champion; Lawton De Soso, a lightweight; Herbie Muller, 140 pounds; Jesse Mull, 150 pounds; Joey Dazet, 150, and voted a best prospect in 1947; and Luther Ward, a heavyweight, among others.

Herbie Muller won over Terry Lohman in a ten rounder in Pascagoula, Miss., and Joey Dazet drew in 10 with Buster Price, a Pascagoula boy who had four kayoes in New Orleans in that many times up. Jesse Mull won a five round knockout over his opponent and Keith Hamilton engaged in a draw. Drop in your news anytime, Eddie. They're always welcomed here.

St. Petersburg—Johnny Dupree, 185, youthful heavyweight from Tampa, stopped Irish Jimmy Kelly, 228, in the third round. Blondy Baggett, Tampa lightie, beat Joe Legon II in a sixer. Joe Diaz, 140, beat Buddy Webster in a six. Jimmy Maddox kayoed Buddy Waybright. (January 9th.)

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Davey Allen, a neat little New York featherweight, and Chili Cantero, who calls Havana and Tampa home, met for the second time in West Palm Beach. Allen was seeking revenge for the tenth round kayo he suffered a few days before. It could not have come any sooner or sweeter. Davey blasted Cantero for the full count in five rounds. Jimmy Burke, of West Palm Beach and Savannah, was a first round knockout winner over Johnny Black, of Fargo, N. D., and Jacksonville, Florida. Both lads are middleweights and can sock. Bernie Harper, of Bronx, N. Y., beat Billy Spangler, of Shelby, N. C., in a six. The winning fighter weighed 150, and the loser, 149. Orestes Rodriguez, 122, Havana, won a TKO in the first when his opponent, Jimmy O'Keefe, of Lowell, Mass., received a bad cut eye in the opening round. Eddie Ely, West Palm Beach lightweight, decisioned Shorty LaBohrie, 134, in a four.

Miami, January 28—After travelling ten rounds to a draw, Ben Montabana, of Birmingham, and Jesus LaMela, of Cuba, met once more to settle the score at the Civic Center Arena. Montabana won the ten rounder, but by the skin of his teeth as only a single point margin decided the melee, a red-hot return that found the battlers trading blow for blow.

In the semi-final, an eight, Frankie Ross, Boston middleweight, took the award over Billy Spangler. Steve Gideon, Miami middleweight, TKO'ed Angel Chavez, of San Pedro, Cal., in the fourth. Frankie Wallace, Houston, 139¾, beat Snooks Howard, Charlotte, N. C., weighing two pounds less, in a six spot. Featherweights Auggie Yarratt, Louisville, and Jimmy Bruton, Springfield, Mass., drew in six.

Jack Doran, Miami publicist, is taking care of that angle for Promoter Dave White's Civic Center Arena. He formerly handled a Miami Beach boxing sheet.

Tampa—Again, Tommy Gomez had to come from behind to settle an issue. In the Tampan's clash with Angel Sotillo, an Al Weill product from South America, Tommy shifted from low gear into high and 'ere long Sotillo was a TKO victim in seven rounds as Referee Tony Cancela wisely halted the heavyweight affair. Sotillo was ahead going into the fifth but Gomez took command from there on until the intervention.

In the semi-final tilt, Tony Falco, a good ringman from Hartford, Connecticut, proved too good for Ray Delgado in a welterweight match. Falco earned a technical knockout in six rounds over his game opponent. Young Chino Alvarez, 130, Tampa, beat Joe Costa Monteiro, of Hartford, in a six. Frank Cecades, 142, beat Jimmy Maddox, same weight, in the same number of rounds. Another sixer went to Danny Butler, New York lightie, over Joe Legon II.

St. Petersburg—Blondy Baggett, youthful Tampa lightweight, had too much for Danny Jeffries, of England and Canada, and scored a three round kayo. In the co-feature, Chico Morales, featherweight from Cuba and Tampa, had the best of Nick Viccaro, of New York and dumped the Northerner for a two round kayo with a right to the stomach. Buddy Webster got a five round TKO over Bill Boyd. Boyd, being ahead on points, had swung and missed, dislocating his shoulder. He had suffered this same injury several days prior in a basketball game and had insisted on going through with the fight, according to the write-up sent here. Jimmy Maddox kayoed Ferrel Norris in the third heat and Battling Oscar whipped Jackie Patton in a four rounder.

Floyd Shiflett, Rome, Ga., featherweight, lost a ten rounder in New Orleans to Jock Leslie, of Flint, Michigan. Shiflett was fighting in Miami. In this fight with Leslie, the Georgian heard the nine count in rounds six and seven.

Asheville, N. C.—Guy Brown finished strongly to take a ten round decision from Mickey Janowski in Asheville. Both fighters felt the touch of the canvas during the scrap, a middleweight go. Rocky Dixon took a sixer from Mark Reid. Negro Jumping Joe Green beat Lem Smith via the decision route in an eighter. Norman Gibson, 121, defeated Johnny Crowe, 124. Leading heavyweight contender Jersey Joe Walcott made his appearance here as referee for the Dixon-Reed and Green-Smith fights.

West Palm Beach—Before a large crowd, Frankie Wallace, Houston welter, and Angel Chavez, 149, a Californian, put on a drab ten round affair that ended in a draw. Snooks Howard, lightweight boxer from Charlotte, N. C., pulled an upset in copping the eight round semi-go from Paul Midiri, of Corona, L. I. A left jab was prominent in Howard's win. Billy Spangler, 140, drew in six with 138 pound Juan Carrero, of Puerto Rico. It was a honey of a fight, the best on the card. Bernie Harper, 152, N. Y., kayoed Jack Brockwell, Tennessee middleweight, who took the count and left immediately thereafter. Jimmy Bruton, featherweight from Springfield, Mass., TKO'ed Johnny O'Keefe, 122, of Lowell, in the fourth. O'Keefe beat the count but Referee Cy Gottfried stopped it as Johnny arose.

Miami—Henry Chemel, a middleweight from New England, won from Davey Feld, a light-heavy in the ten round feature here. Referee Petey Sarron, former featherweight title holder, refused to count over Feld and had him get back up to resume what activity there was during the fifth round. The timers were guilty of allowing the chapter to go further than the three minutes.

Norman "Hi Ho" Silver won an unpopular ten heater from Juan Carrero, of Puerto Rico. Silver, now of Miami Beach. Both are lightweights. Middleweights Billy Spangler and Jack Brockwell met in a sixer with Billy taking the nod. Jack Atwood, 139½, beat Shorty LaBohrie, 136, in a four round bout. Larry Rosenfelt, Canada, 153, TKO'ed Ray Roberts, who weighed 143, in round three.

Johnny Datro, one of Hartford's best young fight trainers, is in Florida with boxing figure Lou Viscusi and assisting with Vic Cardell, Carey Mace, Johnny Cesario, Tony Falco and Willie Pep. Bill Gore, Lou's side-kick and our nomination as trainer number one in boxing says Datro is a big asset to them.

In Miami, Sid Peaks, promising young heavyweight, ruined tall Lee Q. Murray, one of the top contenders by chopping the hard-hitting Murray down to his size, scoring 12 knockdowns. It was too much and the fight was stopped and given to Peaks on a TKO in the third round. This win made it 13 kayoes out of 14 bouts for Sockin' Sid.

Asheville, N. C.—Jesse Underwood boxed his way for a ten round decision over Tommy Kilpatrick in a welterweight bout. Jesse won all but two rounds which were even. Roy Wert beat Sammy Reid in another welter match. Bill Johnson defeated Dick Driver in a close go. Johnson, a lightweight, towers over six feet. Don Webber kayoed Norman Gibson in the third heat of a featherweight duel. In a four rounder, Irving Fitzgerald decisioned Johnny Crowe in another feature match.

Coral Gables, Florida—Pete Mead defeated Herbie Kronowitz in a middleweight scrap that was termed one of the best seen. It was close and the win made it three for Pete over Herbie in four times up. The crowd and gate fell much below expectations.

Miami—Ernie Forte's boxing gained him the ten round duke over Ernie Pelaia. Forte scored with nice left jabs throughout. He is a welter, while Ernie hit 152.

In the semi of ten, Sammy Secreet and Frankie Ross, the bout was called a draw. Jimmy Hill won a welter eight from Frankie Wallace. Pedro Martinez, 145, TKO'ed Ray Roberts, 147, in 30 seconds of the first round. A lightweight match had Walker Keyes winning from Shorty LaBohrie in a four.

Miami—Sid Peaks, Negro heavyweight gladiator, was on the victory road for the second time in as many starts before Miamians. Peaks, with Kid Riviera, of St. Louis, turned in a good heavyweight headliner. The winning fighter came from behind, including two first round downs to score a TKO in 2:15 of the tenth and final round. He also exhibited great courage.

In the other Negro bouts, Jim Ellenson, 153¾, Trenton, kayoed Harry Taylor, 149½, Miami, in the first. Willie Ferguson, Miami middleweight, decisioned light-heavy Lloyd Mills, of South Miami, in six. Milt Wilcox, Trenton middleweight, kayoed John Thomas, South Miami, in the fourth. Bill McGee, 147, and Jimmy Morris, 151½, both of Miami, went to a four round draw.

PITTSBURGH FISTIC NEWS,
By FRANKLIN T. McQUAIDE, JR.

ARAGON GARDENS—Joey Faiello, 137, local lightweight, walked off with the honors in the eight-round main event at the Aragon Gardens on January 8, by outboxing the rugged Al Gaulteri, 134, of Washington, Pa. Boxing beautifully and displaying perfect footwork, the popular southsider successfully evaded Gaulteri's bull-like rushes and counter-punched his way to a split decision.

Rad Minko, 143, Charleroi, Pa., added more fans to his rapidly growing list of admirers by scoring a knockout over Vic Kondik, 148, Akron, Ohio, in 35 seconds of round three of the scheduled six-round semi-final. Minko, under the capable management of Al Slutsky, is coming along in fine fashion.

Johnny Komlo, 159, Fredericktown, Pa., and Johnny Watson, 162, Charleroi, Pa., fought six dull rounds to a draw.

Harry Schneider, 135, Mt. Oliver, Pa., floored Clay Milliron, 138, Akron, Ohio, twice for nine in the third and won the unanimous decision in another six. The verdict was a popular one.

Mike Lash, 141, Duquesne, Pa., won the split decision over Buddy Frazier, 141, Pittsburgh, in the four-round opener.

The Gardens—The Rooney-McGinley Boxing Club staged its first show of the new year at The Gardens on January 12, and gave the fans a good card. In the top ten, Lee Sala, 159, middleweight, from near-by Donora, Pa., made his first appearance in Pittsburgh in several years a very impressive one by winning the unanimous decision over Vinnie Rossano, 154, aging Brooklyn battler. This was Sala's thirty-fifth consecutive victory. He gained his other victories in Southern rings. An educated left hand that is equally potent as a jab or a hook, caused several ringsiders to comment, "Another Billy Conn."

Sala was in trouble only once and that was in the opening stanza when Rossano charged from his corner throwing leather furiously in the general direction of Lee's head, but the local boy took it all calmly and then settled down to work. Jabbing and hooking like a champion, he kept the Brooklyn boy off balance for the greater part of the contest and doubly insured his victory by dropping Rossano for a nine count in the final round. Now that he has the left, he must brush up on the right, and when he does, Sala will be ready for the topnotchers in his division.

Sammy Adragna, 146, Carnegie, Pa., had to work hard all the way to win the unanimous decision over Doll Rafferty, 144, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, in another ten. The Milwaukee Negro loafed through most of the round and only in the fading seconds was he willing to mix it in the clever boxing manner of which he is capable. Adragna won the popular decision.

Filberto Osario, 126, Havana, Cuba, clubbed away at the back and side of Mimmie Adragna, 127, Carnegie, Pa., brother of Sammy, and was awarded the unpopular verdict in the opening ten. Osario has a peculiar style which invariably befuddles his opponents.

Frank Malone, 150, Pittsburgh, a very promising youngster, was impressive in defeating Fred Orlowski, 152, Pittsburgh, by way of a unanimous decision in the opening four.

Lee Sala, of suburban Donora, racked up his thirty-sixth consecutive victory by kayoing Chet Vinci, of Rome, New York, in one minute and 31 seconds of the first stanza of the scheduled ten-round main event on a Rooney-McGinley show at The Gardens on January 27. This was Sala's second victory in two weeks in the same ring, but the local papers headlined the mill as a set-up for Lee after his easy victory. Sala has the goods and should be given tougher opponents. Sala and Vinci were feeling each other out in the center of the ring when suddenly Sala's highly educated left dropped Vinci flat on his face and he was barely able to rise as the count reached nine. When the referee signaled Lee back into action, he dashed from the neutral corner, a left, a right, and a terrific left hook, and Vinci was flat on his back in his own corner, where the referee counted him out.

Stan Musial, stellar first baseman for the St. Louis Cardinals, and a neighbor of Sala's in Donora, Pa., cheered for Lee from a seat in the press row. Lee Sala weighed 160; Chet Vinci, 158.

In the second ten, Dorsey Lay, 142, Philadelphia, Pa., won the popular unanimous decision over Sammy Adragna, 146, Carnegie, Pa. Lay's excellent footwork and sharp-punching prevented Adragna from going inside where he piles up most of his points.

Filberto Osario, 126, Havana, Cuba, once again clubbed out a unanimous decision over Jumping Joe Barone, 125, Pittsburgh, in the first ten-rounder. These two met a few weeks ago at the Aragon Gardens where Filberto scored his first victory over the local youngster.

A sensational upset occurred in the scheduled six-round opener when Jesse Underwood, 135, Huntington, West Virginia, scored a T.K.O. over the popular Joey Faiello, 139, Pittsburgh, in 2.44 of the third round. Early in the third, Underwood caught Faiello right on the button and dropped him for a nine count. Four more times Faiello went down for counts of nine before the referee halted the contest.

Aragon Gardens—Jumping Joe Barone, 126, popular local boy, jumped and boxed his way back into the winning column by way of a unanimous decision over clever Juan Manuel, 128, of Cleveland, Ohio, in the ten-round feature attraction at Jack White's Aragon Gardens on January 15. Joe's last time out he dropped a decision to Filberto Osario, his second loss in close to thirty pro fights. Manuel was unable to solve the circling, jumping, jabbing tactics the short armed Barone is compelled to use. A terrific right to the jaw floored Manuel for an eight count in the fifth, and from there on in it was Jumping Joe all the way.

Ozzie Neal, 157, Donora, Pa., always a hard worker, outboxed Tiger Jack Biddle, 158, New Castle, Pa., to win the unanimous decision in the six-round semi-final.

Russ Baxter, 162, New Castle, Pa., showed some of his old form in winning a unanimous decision over Clyde Jenkins, 163, Uniontown, Pa., in another six.

Joe Modzele, 173, New Kensington, Pa., had an easy time of it with Eddie Jefferson, 173, Pittsburgh, and won the unanimous verdict in a four.

Irish Chuck McLaughlin, 140, McKeesport, Pa., barely eked out a split decision over Al Leone, 142, Pittsburgh, in the four-round curtain raiser. As usual, due to the personable Matchmaker Jack White, a capacity crowd was in attendance.

Irish Jimmy Sanders, 146, hard-hitting young local welterweight, had his hands full with Jackie Armitage, 147, of New Kensington, Pa., when they met in a ten-round attraction at the Aragon Gardens on January 29. The aging Armitage was trading blow-for-blow with Sanders until the fourth when Jimmy opened an old scar under Jackie's left eye and it bled profusely. Again in the fifth, Sanders drew the claret, and when another cut was opened over the same optic in the sixth, Referee Ernie Sesto wisely halted the contest.

Joe Kezele, 145, Youngstown, Ohio, made short work of Moe Harvey, 139, Warren, Ohio, a last-minute substitute for the ailing Rad Minko, by scoring a T.K.O. in 2.06 of the second round. Harvey was down twice for nine counts before Referee Freddie Mastrean wisely intervened.

Art Williams, 190, Pittsburgh, won the unanimous decision over the willing but inexperienced Bastone Leone, 183, Pittsburgh, in a six-rounder.

Joe Modzele, 173, New Kensington, Pa., dropped Billy Moore, 168, Pittsburgh, for a nine count in the second round of a scheduled four, and when Moore regained his feet in a dazed condition, Referee Mastrean halted the contest, awarding Modzele the T.K.O. victory. The time, 57 seconds of round two.

Jackie Bonovich, 147, Monaca, Pa., won the unanimous decision over Mike Lash, 144, Duquesne, Pa., in the four-round opener. A capacity crowd attended.

FISTIC HIGHLIGHTS FROM SASKATOON

A CAPACITY crowd filled the Morse Auditorium to watch a thrill-packed card. In the main event, fast-punching Elmer Maguire outboxed Bruce McInnes to win a unanimous decision.

In the two semi-windup bouts, Al Ridgeway drew with Jack McDonald. After losing the second round on a foul, Don Roy drove Lionel Sears about the ring to win a well approved decision.

The other events resulted as follows:
Trent Beaty drew with Norville Belamy.
Denny Davis kayoed Jack Scanlon.
Billy Pinsky beat Eddy Rimer.
Dick McDonald won on a foul by Arlie Rogers.
Cliff Adair drew with Don Pocha.

VANCOUVER NEWS
By CHESTER NORTON

IN the absence of professional shows, the amateurs held sway during the month of January. Several good cards were shown as the boys prepared for the Golden Gloves.

The most notable news for the month is the appointment of a new Vancouver Athletic Commission. Three of the appointed men are, Jack Henderson, Jack Pattison and Bill Smith. There was also one re-appointment from the 1947 commission, namely Alex Fisher. Stan Smith is a former member of the commission, as are the three new appointees. It is very easy to see that politics plays a noble part in boxing and can be detrimental to the game. However, we wish these five men the best of luck and hope that they will prove entirely capable of handling a great sport.

Several Vancouver fighters boxed away from the city during the month. Hal Robbins scored a third-round T.K.O. over Valentino Carlson of Reno, in Portland.

Gordy McCrindle lost a decision to Billy Evans of Tacoma and Bunty Andrews whipped Seattle's Blackie Vanderveer on the card in which Bobby Castro K.O.'ed Paulie Blanks in Seattle.

Terry Gibson and Billy Tierney drew over the 12-round route. This also took place in Seattle.

Jackie Turner will box again, as soon as an opponent can be found for him. His decision was based on the sale of his contract to George Smith, by his former manager, Arnold Bertram.

To return to the subject of amateur boxing, we have a complaint with regard to the numerous T.K.O.'s which are being registered. In many cases the fight is stopped when a fighter is on the deck and is therefore entered on the records as a T.K.O. Why does the referee not count the fallen boxer out and thus have the records show a clean cut K.O. in favor of the winner? Naturally, if the beaten fighter rises to his feet in a groggy condition, the fight should then be halted, but ten seconds on the canvas is not going to make any difference to the condition of a man in that position. The above, of course, does not refer to fights which are halted for cuts, or bouts in which a boy is far outclassed and reeling groggily about the ring.

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CENTRAL OHIO SWINGS AND HOOKS

By LESS HUFFMAN

COLUMBUS started its new year in boxing with the Quality Club sponsoring a show in the afternoon in the Memorial Hall. Ace Miller, Toledo, lightweight champion of Ohio, defeated Willie Russell, Columbus, Ohio. Russell came in at 133 lbs., four pounds lighter than Miller. In the semi final Harry Hart, former junior lightweight champ of Ohio, dropped the duke to welterweight Walter Evans.

In another bout of six rounds between Eddie Miller, the Dayton, Ohio, middleweight slugger, and Sheriff Jackson Hanford, Ohio Negro battler, Miller was given the duke.

A four round scrap between Don Ferero, and Charlie Thompson, Dayton welterweight, was stopped after three red hot rounds, when Ferero received a very bad cut over the left eye, just thirty seconds before the fight would have ended. The scrap was even up to this time. The opening four round bout between Bullet Williams and Charlie Moore of Delaware ended in the second heat when Bullet stiffened Moore.

Larry Courtright, Dayton middleweight, who has been a consistent winner in Ohio, Kentucky and Illinois, has moved bag and baggage to the West Coast. Courtright is good enough for the best in his division.

Promoters planning on promoting heavyweight shows this winter get in touch with the writer, who has five in tow—Pat Richards, Bill Davis, Ted Woodward, Sherm Washington, and Robert Clark.

Dr. Eckstrom, Columbus Boxing Commission doctor, advised Don Ferero to stay on the sidelines for at least three weeks to give his eye a chance to heal.

Dick Lewis, former Dayton featherweight, is being booked by the writer. Lewis is in shape and good enough to meet any of the small fighters.

Now that Willie Russell, the Ohio Dark Destroyer, has the Ohio lightweight championship in his possession, he would like nothing better than to meet Ike Williams.

Harry Eagles, former St. Louis fight promoter, is on the Pacific Coast.

The heavyweights seem to be shying away from Colon Chaney, Tom Leeper's hard punching heavyweight, since he administered the sleeping potion to Lee Oma and Buddy Walker.

Homer Bigham, Lancaster middleweight, who has been too busy in his trucking business to fight, is now in training and is planning on several bouts through the winter months.

Pat Iacobucci had little trouble taking the measure of Filberto Osario in ten heats at Cincinnati, Ohio.

Chuck Willis, a better than ordinary white heavyweight, has moved from the Sunny South and is now training in the 20th Century Gymnasium here.

"The fans must be protected. We do not care what the wrestlers do to each other in the ring," said Albert J. Bechtold, chairman of the Cincinnati Boxing Commission, in announcing that all matmen who heaved their opponents or themselves out of the ring, would be fined $25.

The Lima A.C., with Matchmaker Harry Shook, Jr., gave the Lima fans a real treat when they topped Harry Hart, the Delaware, Ohio, slugger, and Bullet Williams of Columbus, in ten heats. It was a close fight with Hart winning.

Jay Grady, making his first start as a fighter, lost in six to Roy Cambell of Van Wert, Ohio.

Vernon Reeves, Columbus, Ohio, was knocked out in three rounds by Ray Hartman of Van Wert, Ohio.

Harry Hartman, Cincinnati's fight promoter, has signed to make the matches for the new American Legion Post shows.

Bob Blake, Buffalo, New York, won via the T.K.O. route in the fourth heat after his opponent, Bobby Berry of Cleveland, sustained a bad cut over the right eye. Vic Kondik gained the decision over Chocolate Kid in a five round welterweight scrap. Eddie Elton dropped the duke in five rounds to Ralph Friedman of Pittsburgh and Jack Bittles of Pittsburgh outpointed Akron's Lou Berry.

The bout between Henry Snowflake of Buffalo, New York, and Bob Garner of Louisville ended in the fifth by a T.K.O. in favor of Snowflake.

Wally Unsold, Dover, Ohio, light-heavyweight, who won over all amateur light-heavies in the last Golden Glove Tournament in Ohio, has turned pro and is now fighting ten-rounders in the eastern part of Ohio.

The new sports club in Toledo, drew six grand in its first show.

Floyd Gibbons, a heavyweight who was going pretty well a few years back, is training at the 20th Century Gymnasium to see what condition he can get in for a comeback.

Ace Miller defeated Talmadge Buzzy, Detroit's leading lightweight, in ten heats.

Morris Tibbs is the latest of the Fighting Tibbs to toss his hat in the ring as a pro.

Dover, Ohio—2,200 fans in the Memorial Hall saw Wally Unsold, Dover, decision Tommy Woodward, Columbus, Ohio, light-heavyweight, in an eight-rounder.

Bob Gladman, Akron, Ohio, lost in eight rounds to Red Bineyard, Wheeling, W. Va., light-heavyweight.

In a fast six-round scrap, Vic Kondick, Akron, welterweight, was given the nod over the Dover Italian.

Bullet Williams, Columbus welterweight, lost in six fast heats to Bill Tartin of Akron, Ohio.

Al Lane, manager of Sonny Horne, is eager to show his battler in some of the spots in Ohio.

Colon Chaney, Tommy Leeper's good heavyweight, won in ten fast rounds over Henry Snowflake, Buffalo, New York, heavyweight, at Akron, Ohio.

Candy McDaniels, of Cincinnati, Ohio, was kayoed in ten rounds by Willie Russell. Joe Walcott was the referee.

Charley Lee, Cincinnati, Ohio, light-heavyweight, knocked out Gene Courtright of Dayton, Ohio, in one round.

Jimmy Welsh, Columbus, Ohio, welterweight, stowed Ronnie Hamlin of Cincinnati away in the fifth round.

Franky Invon, Columbus middleweight, scored a T.K.O. over Eddie Hicks of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the fourth round.

Dick Lewis, Columbus featherweight, iced Jackie Mason of Cincinnati, Ohio, in the third heat.

Willie Gun, Cincinnati, Ohio, stopped Jay Grady of Columbus in the first round. 2,424 fans paid a gross gate of $5,060.

George K. Brown, veteran fight promoter of Wheeling, is tossing his hat in the ring again.

Harry Hartman, Cincinnati promoter, is eager to sign Beau Jack to fight Willie Russell in Cincinnati some time this coming summer in the Reds' ball park.

In out of town fights, three boys won over their opponents on January 19, Eddie Miller stopped Collins Brown in the fifth heat at Chicago.

Lafayette Drummond, Youngstown middle weight, was given the nod over Horace Wilkins of Chicago in eight rounds.

Otis Walker, Cleveland welterweight, won in five rounds over Jimmy Ward of Chicago, Ill.

Akron, Ohio—Henry Snowflake of Buffalo, New York, lost a ten-rounder to Colon Chaney, who was substituted for the ailing Pat Comiskey.

Dave Marsh, Akron, Ohio, lightweight defeated Sammy Mastrean of Pittsburgh, Pa., in a six-rounder.

Vic Kondik, Akron, Ohio, middleweight, was given a unanimous decision over Cleveland's Elwood Woods in six heats. Cleveland's Al Timmons got a draw with Eddie Elton, Akron, Ohio. Bob Gladman, Akron, Ohio, gave Pittsburgh's Jack Bittlez a neat trimming in six rough rounds. 1,683 fans attended and the gate grossed $3,635.50.

Send all notes in by the first of the month to the writer, Less Huffman, P.O. Box 211, Columbus, Ohio.

SEATTLE BOXING DOPE

By JAMES B. CARROLL

BIG TIME boxing returned to the Pacific Northwest on January 27, with Bill Petersen, Seattle, and Jerry McSwain, Los Angeles, heavyweights, headlining a 10-round card. The Petersen-McSwain setto provided plenty of fireworks, with Big Bill dropping the Los Angeles lad for a no count in the second round and going on to earn a decision, unanimously, in ten rounds. The bout was halted in the sixth round by Referee Jimmy Wilson, momentarily, to allow the Seattle fighter to recuperate from a series of low blows landed by McSwain during a wild-punching flurry in Petersen's corner. The blows were unintentional, but damaging, and Petersen was allowed a one minute rest.

Henry Lee, Seattle, received a unanimous decision over Torpedo Reed, Los Angeles, in the semi-final after eight unexciting rounds of milling. The bout produced little or no thrills, but in the opinion of this writer was hard-fought.

Three four-round preliminaries saw Bunty Andrews, Vancouver, B. C., decision Jimmy Jackley,

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Portland, Oregon; Pete Smith, Seattle, K.O. Mickey Martinez, McChord Field, light-heavies; and Skinny Roberts, Seattle, and Dick Wolf, Klamath Falls, Oregon, welterweights, go four rounds to a draw.

The Petersen-McSwain match was the third show to be put on in the Queen City by Matchmaker Joe Levy, under the auspices of the newly licensed Ringside Sporting Club, and was the first to bring together in the top spot, two fighters of national reputation. The presence in Seattle of Levy augurs well for the fistic future of the largest city in the Pacific Northwest. If Joe gets the cooperation which one of his ability, experience, and reputation deserves, Seattle may resume its position of one of the best spots in the country—a position it has fallen from since the halcyon days of Al Hostak, Freddie Steele, Wildcat Carter, and others.

The two previous cards offered earlier by the Ringside Club had Bobby Castro and Paulie Blanks, middleweights, on top on January 13, with Bobby winning via the knockout route in the ninth of a scheduled ten-rounder, and Terry Gibson, Seattle, and Billy Tierney, San Diego, going 12 rounds to a draw in the feature spot of the January 20 card. Both were action-packed and evidence of the announced intention of Matchmaker Levy to bring good boxing back to Seattle.

Supporting the January 13 card, Jack Flood, Portland heavyweight, kayoed Freddie Wallace, Seattle, in the third round of the semi-windup; Buddy Hoffman, Seattle, stopped Dick Wolf, Klamath Falls Indian, in the third of a scheduled six-round bout; Billy Evans, Tacoma welterweight, decisioned Gordon McCringle, Vancouver, B. C., in four; and Bunty Andrews, Vancouver, B. C., took a close call over Blackie Vanderveer, Seattle, in the opening four.

Buford Ransom, Seattle welterweight, scored a T.K.O. over Buddy Hoffman, Seattle, in the second of a six-round semi-final on the Gibson-Tierney show, January 20. On the same card Billy Evans, McChord Field, belted out Norman Finch, Portland, in the second round of a middleweight six; Pete Smith, Seattle, stopped Al Tracy, Vancouver, B. C., with two punches in the first; and Bunty Andrews, Vancouver lightweight, drew with J. Jackley in four.

Your writer is now managing Bill Petersen, heavyweight, and Henry Lee, middleweight, and promoters and matchmakers who desire to use one or both of these boys may contact me at 2618 35th Ave. W., Seattle 99, Wash. Phone: ALder 5929.

BOXING IN CUBA

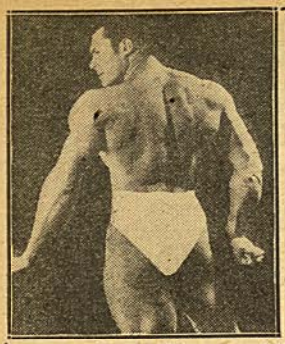
By MILT BARON

HAVANA fisticuffs were limited to a few minor programs this month, on account of the Havana Sports Palace, main boxing stadium, being occupied by the Ice Show, and here are the results for the contests held in Havana for the month:

Luis Felipe Fuentes became Cuba's new flyweight champion when he defeated Tomas Vega in a twelve-round contest at the Havana Boxing Arena. Fuentes won ten rounds, and left no doubt as to his right to the victory he so anxiously tried to obtain. Weights, Fuentes 110¾, and Vega 111¾. On the same card, Carlos Pino knocked out Juan de la Cruz Duenas in the second round, and Reginald Valdes outpointed Antonio Espino in a special six-rounder. Gustavo Ramos won from Pablo Moreno in four rounds, and Eligio Ovideo won from Carlos Frias in the opening four.

Damaso Collazo, featherweight, scored a two-round knockout over Felix Torres, and showed that he can still swing a mean glove, and can be pitted against any of the new crop of fighters in his division. Mario Hernandez won from Julio Macep, and Carlos Kid Sanchez beat Enrique Rodriguez. Orlando Diaz knocked out Armando Diaz in the fourth round of the opening contest.

Floro Hito, in a real hot contest, scored a five-round knockout over Carlos Sanchez, at the Havana Boxing Arena. Jack Ursulino won from Francisco Tosar in the semi windup eight, and Rogelio Cespedes scored a two-round knockout over Robert Angel. On the supporting card, Gustavo Ramos put Antonio Lamela away in the first round, and Enrique Ibanez won from Ramon Hernandez.



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NEW JERSEY BOXING NEWS

By LEWIS ESKIN

RAMBLING Around—Local boys who were active in out-of-state rings didn't fare too well. Ike Williams, world's lightweight titleholder, won a close one from Freddy Dawson, Charlie Fusari stopped Gus Mell, Tippy Larkin won over Joie DeMartino, Joe Curcio whipped Eddie O'Neill, but was stopped by Kid Galivan, Tony Ricco lost to Danny Kapilow, Freddie Archer was stopped by Vince Foster, Lenny Ceasar halted Sammy Glanfo, and Mike Jacobs scored over James Stevens.

An outstanding lightweight who is back in action is Freddy Russo of Rahway. Allie Stolz of Newark also hopes to make a comeback soon. Gus Lesnevich of Cliffside Park was awarded a trophy as New Jersey's outstanding professional athlete.

BEST PROSPECT OF THE MONTH—Tony Rose, young Newark knockout artist, who is undefeated as a professional.

RESULTS FOR THE MONTH—Laurel Garden, Newark: Dock Williams, 165, Mahwah, outclassed his former conqueror, Buddy Farrell, 159½, Newark, 8. Mike Carney, 163, Newark, outpointed Eddie Hughes, 173, Newark, 6. Eddie Edwards, 150, Newark, stopped Mickey Logan, 151¼, Bound Brook, 3. Johnny Stokes, 139, Newark, halted Jerry Schwartz, 135, Newark, 3. Freddy Pedriera, 147, Staten Island, whipped Johnny Silva, 140, 4. Dick Cannady, Newark, 146, outpointed Johnny Vajas, 146, Paterson, 4.

Ralph Burnley, 151, Philadelphia, scored somewhat of an upset by outpointing Al Mobley, 148¼, Newark, 8. Tony Rose, 152, Newark, outpointed Carmine Bonavita, 163½, Asbury Park, 6. Ernie Sheppard, 193, East Orange, won on a T.K.O. over Oscar Goode, 202, Newark, when Goode's right shoulder was fractured. Mike Carney, 166, and Eddie Hughes, 172, both of Newark, drew, 6. Eddie Edwards, 149, Newark, defeated Young Edwards, Elizabeth, 147, 4.

Doc Williams, 165, Mahwah, halted Vinnie (Casey) Jones, 157, Chicago, 2.05 of the fifth. Jones had stopped Williams in one round last year. Young Gabriel, 125, Orange, K.O.'ed Al Bowers, 119, Paterson, 3. Johnny Breeze, 123¼, Paterson, made his professional debut by outpointing Pete Yellovitch, 123½, Elizabeth, 4. Johnny Vajas, 145, Paterson, won over Young Edwards, 145½, Elizabeth, 4. Ralph Booker, 160, Paterson, outpointed Gene Bora, 132, Elizabeth, 4. Steve Klepis, 163, Paterson, decisioned Willie Ragin, 167, Newark, 4.

Bill Gilliam, 210½, Newark, rallied to outpunch Willis (Red) Applegate, 199, Montclair, 8. Joey Martino, 150, Newark, and Al Carter, 143, Paterson, drew, 5. Eddie Edwards, 149, Newark, stopped Lucius Harrell, 147, Elizabeth, 2. Billy Muth, 126, Elizabeth, stopped Lou Coleman, 124, Newark, 2. Charley Roach, 142, Paterson, won from Johnny Silva, 140, Newark, 4. Freddy Pedriera, 147, Staten Island, whipped Stokes Thomas, 140, 4.

Vineland Armory: Eddie Thomas, 133, Philadelphia, outpointed Baby Ray Jones, 131, also from Philadelphia. Walter Johnson, 148, Philadelphia, decisioned Young Roundtree, 144, Philadelphia, 6. Eli Davis, 130, Philadelphia, won from Charlie Williams, 133, Philadelphia, 6. Carl Stevens, 183, Philadelphia, outpointed Eddie Bell, 183, Philadelphia, 4. Doc Paris, 158, Landisville, N. J., outpunched Buddy Bronson, 154, Philadelphia, 4.

Jersey City Gardens: Jack Kenny, 163, Livingston, N. J., and Tony Bertucci, 159, Brooklyn, battled to an eight-round draw. Jimmy Hagerman, 131, Brooklyn, outpointed Lenny LaBrutta, 134, Elizabeth, 6.

In four-round bouts Eddie Marmo, 162, Paterson, whipped John Soney, 157, Garwood. Tommy Kaczmarck, 125, Elizabeth, won over Freddy Montforte, 130, Brooklyn. Ray Aliverto, 161, Brooklyn, won from Mike Carney, 162, Newark, and Billy Dove, 141, Cliffside Park, drew with Johnny Silva, 141½, Newark.

Trenton Arena: Henry (Cowboy) LaSane, 130, Houston, Tex., upset Calvin Smith, 132, Trenton, 8. Eddie Dumazel, 126, Cardiff, Wales, stopped Raul Roque, 124, New York, 3. Jimmy Green, 145, Trenton, returned to action by stopping Gary Williams, 139½, Newark, 6. Al Basile, 157½, Camden, halted Johnny Murphy, 158, Trenton, 2. Freddy Foulk, 148, Trenton, was stopped by Joe McCloskey, 140, Camden, 2.

Laurie Buxton, 142, London, Eng., halted Johnny Strawberry, 140, Philadelphia, 4. Bernard Peters, 128, Philadelphia, whipped Lou Prince, 134, Princeton, 6. Danny Bucceroni, 173, Philadelphia, floored Jimmy Long, 180, Chester, Pa., seven times and stopped him in the second. Archie McBride, 180, Trenton, won easily from Sam (Baby Kid Nichols) Gardner, 188, Philadelphia, 6. Joey Cuccinoto, 124, Philadelphia, outpointed Joey Bell, 117, also of Philadelphia, 4. Franny DiPiano, 121½, K.O.'ed Roland Bundy, 121, in 2. Both boys are from Philadelphia.

Arturo Godoy, 204, Chilean title contender, outmauled Jimmy Bell, 191, Washington, D. C., in eight slow rounds. Jimmy Green, 148, Trenton, K.O.'ed Al Combs, 148, Philadelphia, 1. Joe Gannon, 165, Washington, D. C., won over Larry Gibson, 169, Trenton, 6. Joe McCloskey, 146, Camden, stopped Johnny Zack, 152, Trenton, 2. Bill Robinson, 159, Trenton, K.O.'ed Al Basile, 158, Camden, 3.

Jimmy Corti, 137, Trenton, battled to a draw with Julie Bort, 139, Brooklyn, in a feature eight-rounder. Walter (Speedy) Duval, 170, Philadelphia, outpointed Jimmy Johnson, 168, New York, 6. Billy Wyatt, 145, Trenton, whipped Frankie Foran, 147, Summit, 6. Artie Argenti, 134, Trenton, K.O.'ed Eddie Wormley, 132, Trenton, 1. Ray Aliverti, 160, Brooklyn, whipped Johnny Ware, 153, Princeton, 4.

Bayonne Victory Theater: Teddy DiGiammo, 154, North Bergen, scored eight knockdowns before halting Artie Shipman, 155, Birmingham, Ala., in 39 seconds of round three. Nick Restaino, 145, Newark, returned to the ring after a long absence to decision Ossie Cooper, 142, Pittsburgh, Pa., 6. Both Mike Jacobs, 172, Jersey City, and Lenny Ceasar, 138, Weehawken, were victims of a bad decision handed down by Referee Gene Roman in bouts with Johnny Darby, 142, Paterson, and Jimmy Holden, 189, Newark, respectively, in the other six-round bouts. Al Kayo Konigsberg, 202, Bayonne, flattened Tony Mammone, 185, Bayonne, 1. Freeley Whetstone, 185, Staten Island, beat Jimmy Walsh, 182, Englewood, 4.

Camden Armory: Ike Williams, 138, Trenton, lightweight champion of the world, didn't look the part as he won a 10-round decision over Doug Carter, 139, Bloomfield. Carter made Ike look bad during most of the bout. Reuben Davis, 129, Philadelphia, won a close decision from Matt Parker, 131, Riverside, 8. Van Butler, 156, Trenton, outpointed Chuck Waugh, 155, Philadelphia, 6.

Atlantic City: Randy Brown, 161, New York, won a hard fought scrap from Danny Martin, 161, Newark, 8. Vernon Williams, 172, Atlantic City, and Teddy Horton, 178, Philadelphia, fought a draw, 6. Malcolm Gaines, 150, Atlantic City, K.O.'ed Johnny Zack, 154, Trenton, 2. Billy Wyatt, 146, Trenton, outpointed Marvin Trulock, 150, Philadelphia, 6. Julius Reed, 136½, Atlantic City, won from Ralph Morales, 137, Camden, 4.

Len Sheppard, 159, Brooklyn, outpunched Joe Tate, 160, Philadelphia, in a main eight-round bout. Malcolm Gaines looked good in flattening Ray Beckwith, 153¾, Philadelphia, 4. The Atlantic City 154-pounder is a good prospect. Eddie Holtz, 142, Atlantic City, stopped Ramon Dianes, 137, Brooklyn, 3. Al Basile, 162, Camden, outpointed Willie McHardison, 161, Trenton, 4.

Leroy Coleman of Lodi, new member of Joe Vella's stable, scored a big upset by halting Ralph Burnley in the first round at Madison Square Garden. Burnley had beat Leroy easily a few months ago. Joey Fernandez, Jersey City welterweight, is out of service and will soon be back in action.

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RING NEWS FROM HAWAII

By TED YAMACHIKA

ATTESTING the tremendous drawing power of Robert Takeshita, 139½, 4,735 rabid fight fans paid $9,462 to watch the Nisei puncher pound out a decisive ten round verdict over Nat Huskey, 138½, of Akron, O., at the Civic Auditorium on January 13, 1948. This was the third meeting of the two battlers. Previously Robert was held to a draw in the first fight and gained a disputed win in the second, but in this bout Robert proved beyond a shadow of a doubt that he is the superior fighter.

The first four rounds were pretty even with Huskey holding his own by boxing his hard punching rival. In the fifth, Nat made his bid by opening up with a two-fisted attack and won the round by a comfortable margin. However, this proved the only round to be credited to him. Takeshita had one of Nat's eyes closed tight for the last three rounds. The decision was unanimous in Takeshita's favor.

The fight was promoted by Leo Leavitt.

Other results: Freddy Silvano, 130, outpointed Richard Silva, 130, in the five round semi-final.

Phillip Kim, 140, T.K.O.'ed James Kalei, 136 1/5, in the third of a four.

Mamoru Hirota, 128 1/5, was held to a draw by Abe Konaaihele, 135, four rounds.

Johnny Perry, 120 4/5, decisioned Nicholas Boy, 124½, in the four round curtain raiser.

Baby Garcia, 135, of Manila, caused some sort of an upset by winning a close split 10 round decision over favorite Chung Bok Soo, 136½, of Korea, at the Civic Auditorium on January 20, 1948. The last four rounds were fought on practically even terms. But for a butting penalty scored against Soo in the second round, the fight could have been in Soo's favor or called a draw. There were no knockdowns.

Al Lang and Augie Curtis were the promoters of the fight card.

Other results: Chuck Cureton, 140½, making his Honolulu debut, was held to a draw by Ken Monar, 142, in the six round semi-final.

Willie Brown, 113½, drew with Tiger Rosa, 117, in a four round bout. Mike Ines, 130½, outpointed Leo Tolentino, 131, four rounds. Placido Torres, 129, decisioned Victor Sagpang, 131, in the four round opener.

Manny Ortega, top ranking California bantamweight, used his superior reach and experience to good advantage to put a temporary stop to the fistic aspirations of Tsuneshi Maruo, highly-touted local Nisei boxer who had just returned from touring England with the Dado Marino troupe. Manny won in a furious 10 round melee at the Civic Auditorium, January 27, 1948. Promoted by Leo Leavitt, the fight attracted 5,759 customers to the tune of $17,022.25 for a new high (indoors) in gross receipts.

Over-eager Maruo made the fatal mistake of trying to slug it out with Ortega, as tough a guy as any to appear in a Honolulu ring. After a fairly even first round Maruo became a bit over-confident and opened up with a two-fisted barrage, not realizing the ruggedness of his opponent, and leaving himself wide open for some looping overhand rights, one of which dropped Maruo. Instead of taking advantage of the count, Maruo came up before his head had cleared and waded into his opponent. He was met by another fusillade of blows. In all Maruo was floored three times in this round.

The decision was unanimously in Ortega's favor. Tsuneshi Maruo weighed 124 to Manny Ortega's 125¼ for this fight.

Other results: Richard Silva, 136½, decisioned Abe Konaaihele, 135¾, in a five round bout. William Candido, 130, lost via a TKO to Freddy Silvano, 130, in the second of a four. William Brown, 112¼, won over Marce Totor, 116¼, four rounds. Phillip Kim, 144¼, knocked out Louis Valentine, 140½, in the first of four. Mike Ines, 127¼, beat Arthur Frank, 134 4/5, in the opener.

SPOKANE NEWS

By DON C. SIGNS

JACK POWERS, former Iowa State Boxing Promoter, has brought Spokane boxing out of a slump as proven by the fine show put on recently which drew an enthusiastic capacity crowd.

Wilf (Tuffy) Desjardins, a boy from Calgary, Canada, the leading contender for the Canadian crown in his weight, defeated Red Garrison here last month. Other Results—John Henry Lee slammed out a hard won decision over Pauly Peters, who at one time was one of the better middleweights on the West Coast.

Honorable Mention goes to Chuck Haines and Bill Huff. Chuck has been working at the Victory Boxing Club in Spokane for a number of years handling and training the fighters. He devotes most of his free time to the betterment of the ring. Bill Huff, a veteran of twenty years' ring experience now manages the gym—the "spark plug" of the outfit. He gives all of his time for the benefit of the fighters.

IT HAPPENED IN WISCONSIN

With Pinky Mitchell, Former World Junior Welterweight Champion

A CROWD of 5770 fans paid a gross gate of $15,150 at the Auditorium to see Jackie Darthard, 157½, Kansas City, score two knockouts over Jerome Frazier, 154, Milwaukee. The bout was a slambang affair with victory see-sawing from one to the other until halfway in the fourth when a right dropped Frazier for the 9 count. After several hot exchanges he was dropped again, this time with a left hook. With the third knockdown he was swung into the ropes by Darthard. As Darthard pressed his advantage, Frazier fell through the ropes and hit his head on the concrete floor. Frazier was on his back for 30 seconds as his seconds employed reviving efforts.

Referee Dauber Jaeger stopped the 20 second count limit of the rules, stating that Frazier had been pushed through the ropes instead of being knocked through. After several minutes the fight was resumed when Frazier asked permission to continue and it was agreed to by Darthard. When the fight was resumed, Darthard leaped in to finish his foe only to be blasted back with a two fisted attack that had the crowd on its feet in an uproar. Frazier came out punching in the fifth but ran into a perfectly timed right that finished him in 1:05 of the round.

In the semi-windup Del Flanagan, 132½, the pugnacious kid from the home of the famous Gibbons brothers was too fast and too busy for Tim Dalton, 134¼, Chicago, and won the plaudits of the crowd for his upset 8 rd. victory. Jackie Keough, 152 pounds of fighting flesh from Cleveland, came through on a tough assignment by beating Robert Fowler, 151½, Chicago, 6; Charley Riggs, 182½, Milwaukee, won a narrow decision by virtue of a knockdown over Hubert Hood, 201¼, Chicago, 6; Jimmy Sherrer's brother Bobby, 131½, looked good with a K.O. win over Dick Brewer, 139½, Chicago, 2:42 rd. 2.

Del Flanagan, the St. Paul Irishman, is the most popular lightweight to come in here in the past two years.

Welterweight Jackie Keough has also made a lot of friends here.

Focus your eyes toward the middle-west for the heavyweight champion in 1950. Think I have him in Jesse James of Antigo, Wis. His namesake kept this part of the country hot some years back. Jesse, an ex-Marine, stands 6 feet 2 inches and weighs 220 pounds. He comes of Scottish-Irish-Scandinavian stock. With the 2nd Division he scored several knockouts. The Marines sure do a good job on building confidence. James thinks he can hold his own with the best right now.

Eddie Metrie has the best lightweight in these parts in Alvin Jordan.

HALIFAX FISTIC NEWS

By COLIN FAULKNER

PERCY PARIS, 133, fighting fury from New Glasgow, N. S., earned a split decision over Benny Woods, 134½, of Saint John, N. B., in the feature bout at the Armories. Sailor Humphries, 173, S.S. *Aquitania*, chilled Lucky Abrams, 168, Truro, in 2.19 of the initial stanza of the semi-final. Bobby Smith, 128, Springhill, got the nod from Keith Paris, 127, New Glasgow, in four. In the opener Hubert Upshaw, 160, floored George Grant, 162, both of Halifax, in 1.57 of the third round. These cards are being sponsored by the Vimy Branch of the Canadian Legion.

SAVANNAH RING NEWS

By JOE DIEHL

INDIAN EDDIE STOUT of Tulsa, Okla., 138, a full-blooded Cherokee spotted Frankie Wallace of Houston, Tex., five pounds in the main ten round go of the Victory Sports Club's inaugural 1948 five-bout card, and went on to decision the latter despite a bad eye gash which Wallace re-opened in the ninth round with a left hook.

Eddie Stout's best weapon throughout was a right hand thrust which he pushed in Wallace's face periodically. If Wallace had gotten to the injured optic one or two heats earlier he might have registered a TKO for the claret flowed freely from the right eye in the last two rounds, but the damage came too late.

On the undercard:

Jack Lisle, 141, Savannah, TKO'ed Dodo Wright, 143, Spartanburg, S. C. in 42 seconds of the fourth round. Jimmy Bruton, 126, West Palm Beach, kayoed Eddie Sizemore, 120, Trenton, N. J., in two of a scheduled six; Lou Atterberry, 157, Savannah, decisioned Phil Saad, 154, Bridgeport, Conn., in six, and Willie Lyner, 144, Savannah, bested Kid Blackout, 146, Savannah, in four.

Jim Fallon, ex-White Plains, N. W., cop who used to be on duty during the fights at the White Plains County Center, is down here handling fighters and working with the Victory Sports Club.

Promoter Buster White is hopeful of bringing both Carlos Chavez, leading contender for Willie Pep's featherweight crown, and Lee Sala, rapidly rising Pittsburgh middleweight, who recently defeated Vinnie Rossano in Pittsburgh after having the latter on the deck, here for fights, possibly in the local ball park during the summer.

Jimmy Burke, stable-mate of Smith, and a hard-thumping southern kayo sensation is again back in ring harness under the tutelage of Irwin Price. Burke had been on the shelf for a couple months due to an injured optic.

The writer can be contacted about anything pertaining to Savannah fights and fighters at 28 E. Oglethorpe Ave., Savannah, Ga.

UTAH-IDAHO-MONTANA-WYOMING

By CARL E. HAYDEN

DAVID WEAVER, 135, Idaho Falls, Golden Gloves champion, decisioned "Kid" Leon, 130, Ogden, Utah, in the six-round headline bout of a card sponsored by the St. Anthony, Ida., Athletic Association. Weaver dropped Leon twice, but could not administer the knockout blow.

Curley Angell, 138, St. Anthony, scored a technical knockout over Jack Later, 140, Rigby, in the fourth round. Cleon Cordon, 157, Ashton, kayoed Red Huff, 170, Ogden, in the fourth. In the preliminaries Steel Edginton, 145, St. Anthony, decisioned Joe Later, 146, Rigby; Merlin Bressler, 129, Ashton, decisioned Neil Christensen, 135, St. Anthony.

While 5800 alerted spectators watched, Keith Nuttall, Brigham City, Utah, decisioned Ernie Hunich in the Coliseum at Salt Lake City, Utah, to win the Intermountain lightweight championship.

Referee Jimmy Shulsen gave Nuttall six rounds, Hunich three, and one was even. Hunich was hurt in the second round and again in the eighth, but came back with force each time. Hunich was progressive, and Nuttall, who in an earlier meeting had kayoed Hunich, displayed a left that was a lightning rod. Hunich, who is a West Jordan (Utah) athlete, hit the canvas twice, but as before, bounded back to keep Nuttall plenty busy.

The bout had several incidents. Once both fighters fell through the ropes. Nuttall lost one round for touching Hunich while he was in a sitting posture, and Hunich had to be warned against his use of the rabbit punch.

Frankie Montoya, outweighed and outreached, managed to decision Willard Chipman, another Utahan, in the eight-round semi-final.

Max King kayoed Jim Jennings, Twin Falls, in the fourth round of one preliminary, and in another Bed Sadler, Ogden, scored a T.K.O. over Jim Pastori, Salt Lake City, Utah, in four.

"Chick" Moriarity, Ogden, decisioned Al Romero, Salt Lake, in six, and Enoch Hanson, Salt Lake, stopped Max Salazar, Bingham, in one.

Paul Perkins, 158-pound challenger for the Intermountain middleweight boxing championship, lost by unanimous decision to Remo Polidori, title holder, in the Fairgrounds Coliseum, Salt Lake City, Utah.

The decision was as popular with the fans as with the judges. Perkins was smooth and fast, but his punches lacked the kayo jolt.

The hardest punches administered in the 10 round bout were landed in the opening and closing rounds.

In the semi-final, Ron Whittle, 168, West Jordan, drew with Tommy Fair, 162, Ogden, in six rounds. Results of other bouts on Promoter Jim Downing's well received card were: Chick Moriarity, 148, Ogden, knocked out Al Romero, 152, Salt Lake, in the first round; Willard Chipman, 125, West Jordan, knocked out Babe Malacarro, 124, Salt Lake, in the fourth; Bobby Foster, 135, Salt Lake, scored a knockout over Jimmy Pastori, 124, Salt Lake, in the second; Johnny Candia, 128, Ogden, did the same to Eddie Rivers, 134, Salt Lake, in the fourth; and Manuel Singh, 142, Bingham, decisioned Kid Leon, 137, Ogden, in the fourth.

"FROM DOWN UNDER"

By VINCENT C. DAVIS

THERE was an easing up in Australian boxing over Christmas and boxers generally had a let up. In the first few matches of the year Melbourne Stadium was the venue. Jack Bridges, 143, gained a close points decision from Bill Burns, 149. Burns fought without pep after taking off four pounds just before the fight. Bridges had amassed a handy points lead at the half-way mark, but Burns fought better from then on and there was not much between them at the finish.

In another Melbourne 12 round bout Al McEwan, 134¼, stopped Bill Foley, 135, of Sydney in six rounds. Foley took the match at short notice and was not in his usual condition. McEwan placed punches on Foley at will in the sixth as Foley tired and the referee halted the proceedings.

In a 15 round South Australian lightweight title fight, Ray Kay, 134 took the title from the holder, Lloyd Rennie, 133, on points at Glenelg. Kay boxed the smarter of the two, but was shaken at times by Rennie's strong punching.

Although the dollar situation has reduced hopes of having American fighters here immediately, Australian boxing received a fillip through the return to training of Vic Patrick, who has adopted roadwork and fast ball punching to improve his condition. Patrick looks and feels well. His three months' rest from gymnasium work has left him keener than ever.

In Newcastle Len Arthur, 140, halted a comeback attempt by Joe Hall, 135, who was disqualified in the seventh round.

In Melbourne Leo Berry, 133, stopped Les Fuller, 136, in the ninth. Fuller's eye was badly bleeding.

In Griffith, Harry Hayes, 148, one of Australia's newest welterweight prospects, knocked out Wally Burns, 148, in the sixth.

A brother of welterweight champion, Tommy Burns, Ken Murphy, 140¾, showed promise in Sydney in his first fight since the war in stopping Lou Williams, 143½, in seven rounds. Murphy should be a force in the welterweight division in another 12 months when he has learned the tricks of the trade from his manager, Ambrose Palmer.

In Sydney George Kapeen, 131, gained a close points decision from George Pitt, 132½. Pitt looked the better boxer, but was not in his best condition. Kapeen kept forcing the fight and got the verdict. Kapeen took a count of nine in round four from a right to the jaw, after Pitt had been down for five in the third.

Ken Murphy's, 141¾, second fight in Sydney showed up his need for experience when he drew with Joe Webster, 142¼. Webster was tired at the end but game and deserved the draw.

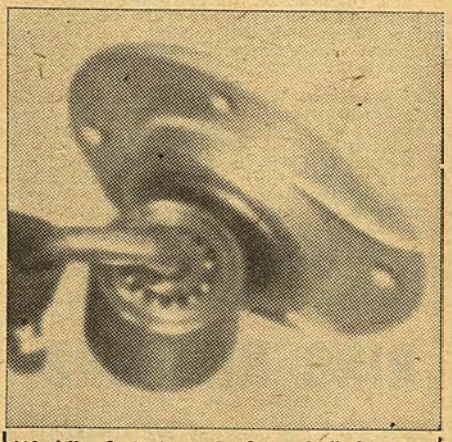
Sydney boxer, Owen Moase, 149¾, having reduced well over a stone in weight, outpointed Victorian Tommy Trottman (143), in Sydney after knocking Trottman down four times in the fight. Trottman survived counts of eight, seven, eight and eight.

Although fighting gamely against Frank Flannery, 125½, Filipino Little Paras, 121, was not strong enough for the Victorian and was knocked out in the seventh round in Melbourne.

Just when he seemed to have Tommy Jones, 144, beaten in Brisbane, Art Davis, 143, ran into a left hook and ended up being knocked out in the fourth round. Jones went to the canvas four times in the third round. In the fourth round Jones was again knocked down, but got up and caught Davis with the left hook which halted him. A couple more lefts and Davis was counted out.

Joe Upton, 160, knocked out Chick Weston, 158, in eight rounds in Brisbane with a right cross. Weston had given a good exhibition of boxing until Upton upset the applecart.

Billy De Belin (148) stopped Buck Yarnold, 149, in the eighth, when Yarnold retired with a damaged wrist.



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TIMELY CHATTER FROM GREAT BRITAIN

By JOHN S. SHARPE

JACK PHILLIPS, Tredegar, 147½, was too clever for the hard-hitting Teddy Lee, Islington, 149, in their eight-round contest at Kentish Town, and won. Lee is one of the hardest hitters among our welterweights. Although outpointed, he never stopped trying with his hooks to body and head. Phillips avoided most of these, but towards the end of the sixth round a good left hook to the jaw put him down in Lee's corner. He got up at nine and the bell came to his aid. In the last two rounds he avoided the efforts of Lee to score a K.O. and Phillips was awarded a merited points decision.

Ron Crogan, Paddington, 155½, was awarded the points decision over Johnny McKenna, New Zealand, 155½, in a hard-fought contest over eight rounds. Jack Bonas, Rotherham, 128½, outpointed Len Davies, Wales, 129, in an eight-round contest.

Reg Hoblyn, Hounslow, stopped Ivor Thomas, Wales, in the third round at Northampton. The latter retired with a damaged hand.

Doug Brock, the Newcastle middleweight, outpointed Jock McKusker over ten rounds at Newcastle.

Frank Kenny, Glasgow, regained his Scottish featherweight title when he knocked out Jimmy Dunnof, Glasgow, in the sixth of a 15-round contest in Glasgow.

Tom Bailey, 129, the classy Liverpool featherweight, again demonstrated that he is the master of Ronnie Taylor, Horwich, 127, by gaining the points decision at the end of ten rounds at Blackpool. Bob Burniston, Barry, 151½, stopped Freddy Wilkes, Birkenhead, 150, in the sixth.

The referee intervened to save Wilkes further punishment. Jackie Fairclough, Preston, 116, outpointed Roy Thomas of Liverpool, 114½, in six. Paul Wassell, Barrow, 128, retired at the end of the fifth round owing to a bad cut eye when he met Charlie White, Liverpool, 125.

Jack Solomons, England's leading promoter, was presented with a silver plaque by Vivian Brodzky, managing director of the *Boxing News*, as having done most for British boxing during the year of 1946.

Lloyd Barnett of Jamaica, 174, gained a well-merited points win in eight rounds over Reg Spring of Southall, 172, in the feature bout at Watford.

Tommy Smyth, Ireland, 188¼, easily defeated Charlie Woods, Southend, 184. The referee stopped the contest in the last round, after Woods had taken several counts.

Ric Sanders, Leicester's southpaw welterweight, gained an easy victory over Bob Barlow of Belper in an eight-round contest at Rushden. Stan Mace, the Nottingham bantam, deefated Owen Johnson, Jackdale, in six.

Les Johnson, Finsbury Park, 114, and Dundee's "Toy Bulldog" Norman Tennant, 114¼, battled over eight rounds to a draw at Caird Hall, Dundee. Roy Peterson, Jamaica, 157, stopped Johnny Clements, Glasgow, 162, in the second round. The latter suffered from a bad cut eye. George Parkes, Dundee, 123½, and Tommy Plowright, Ilkeston, 125, fought a brisk six-round contest before Parkes received the verdict.

Bob Burnisten, Wales, 149, kept his unbeaten string intact, when he stopped Dave Edwards, Liverpool, 150, in the seventh round at the Stadium, Liverpool. Neil McCearn, Scotland, stopped Les Vaughan, Wales, in the fourth round. The referee intervened when Vaughan received a bad cut eye. Tommy Renner, 162, the Negro middleweight from Liverpool, stopped Doug Brock, Newcastle, 163, in the seventh round.

After one of the hardest-fought two rounds one could wish to see Vic Manini, Lambeth, stopped Tommy Barton, Mile End, at the West Ham Baths, in what was to have been an eight-round contest. Barton took a count of six in the first round and two counts in the second round, and at the end of the round Barton's right eye was completely closed and he was forced to retire, leaving Manini the winner. Bob Frost, the West Ham ex-amateur, 142, gained another win at the expense of Jim Thornhill, Nottingham, 140. Stan Davis, Walworth, stopped Eric Hall, Cambridge, in the fourth round. Al Riches, Luton, won on points over Jackie Hart, Braintree, over eight rounds in a welterweight contest.

Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, 120, gained a victory in points over Kid Tanner, British Guiana, 122, in the feature bout of eight rounds at the Caledonian Road Baths. Freddie Hicks, Bermondsey, outpointed Jackie Sutton, Wales, in six rounds. Charlie Wingrove, Battersea, outpointed Dave Sharkey, Aldgate, in six rounds.

George Daly, Blackfriars, outpointed George Frost, Mexborough, in eight rounds at the Greenwich Baths. Johnny Hudson, Covent Gardens, gained a points win over Dennis Ford, Watford, in six rounds. Joe Williams, Hendon, knocked out Tommy Moran, Bournemouth, in the third round.

Joe Rood, the young Aldgate middleweight, was given a surprise by Billy Hall, Bournemouth, at Leyton. Rood, a promising youngster, was too eager to outfight the strong, hustling Bournemouth fighter, and though the contest was close, the three knockdowns that Hall scored entitled him to the honors. Jackie Lucraft of Islington, 127½, scored a clean-cut K.O. over Ron Perry, Newton, 122½, in the second round. Dave Sharkey, Aldgate, drew with Sammy Ervin, Balham, over eight rounds.

Tommy Shaw, Plymouth, a southpaw with a punch, demonstrated his abilities on Vic Manini, Lambeth, in their eight-round contest at Kentish Town, and after proving a game loser, Manini received a big hand after the decision had been awarded to Shaw. George Dawson, Wales, a young heavyweight with a future, knocked out Seaman Curran, Royal Navy, in the second round.

Tommy Davies, Ammanaford, defended his Welsh middleweight title when he outpointed Johnny Houlston, Cardiff, in 15 rounds at Cardiff.

Bert Hyland, Ireland, outpointed the tough Welshman, Ron Cooper, in the feature bout in eight rounds at Oxford.

Tommy Barnham, Fulham, 137½, gained an easy points win over Bert Hornby, Bolton, 137½, in ten rounds at the Stadium, Liverpool.

Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, 128, won on points over Tommy Bailey, Liverpool, 128, in eight rounds. Charlie Squire, Coventry, stopped Liverpool's southpaw flyweight, Eddie Douglas, in the fourth.

Alby Hollister, Islington, gained a knockout win over Bob Cleaver, Borough, in the third round of a bout scheduled for eight at Islington.

Cleaver went off to a big start by his clever boxing, but as soon as the hard-hitting Hollister found his distance, he shot a left hook to Cleaver's body, and that spelled finis as far as Cleaver was concerned.

Bert Sanders, Kilburn, 161, outpointed Bert Hyland, Ireland, 161, in a gruelling eight-round contest at Leyton.

Jock Taylor, Sidcup, 163¾, won his elimination contest for the Southern Area cruiserweight title, when he outpointed Ernie Woodman, Battersea, 171¾, in ten rounds at Plumstead.

Jackie Turpin, Leamington Spa, 128¾, scored a K.O. win over Tommy Plowright, Ilkeston, 128½, in the second round of the feature bout at Derby.

Stan Hawthorne, North Shields, 145¼, had his first contest as a welterweight and scored a K.O. win at the expense of Terry Kelly of Manchester, 138½, in the second round at Newcastle.

Len Davies, Wales, 129¼, was fortunate to receive the award over Ben Duffy, Jarrow, 129¼, in eight rounds at Paddington.

Tommy Shaw, the Plymouth southpaw, 144, outpointed Billy Barton of Liverpool, 143½, in eight rounds at Exeter.

Billy Hall, the rugged Welsh middleweight, 153, outslugged Reg Williams, Lagos, 153, in eight rounds to win on points.

Jackie Turpin of the fighting Turpins, gained another win, when he outpointed Jimmy McIntyre, Sunderland, in eight rounds at Canterbury.

Tim McGrory, Glasgow, 142½, outpointed Jim Bryce, Airdrie, 138, in eight rounds at Glasgow. Billy Gunn, Chapelhall, 140, outpointed Hal Crosby, York, 129¾, in a six-round contest.

Sammy Reynolds, Wolverhampton, gave an impressive display to outpoint Norman Lewis, Wales, in the feature bout of eight rounds at Smethwick. Billy Carroll, Doncaster, the middleweight brother of Bruce Woodcock, stopped Albert Southall, Walsal, in the sixth round, when the referee halted the contest after Southall had received a badly cut eye. Johnny Williams, Rugby, outpointed Des Jones, Wales, in eight rounds.

Tommy Barnham, Fulham, contender for the title held by Billy Thompson (they recently fought a draw), enhanced his reputation when he forced Ernie Stapleton, Wood Green, in the fifth round at Paddington.

Gordon Ashun, the Negro Bootle welterweight, 148, defeated Don Smith, High Wycombe, 153, on points in 10 rounds at The Stadium, Liverpool.

Tommy Bailey, Liverpool, 127½, outpointed Frank Johnson, Manchester, 125, in eight rounds. Emmett Kenny, St. Helens, and Johnny Carrington, Nottingham, boxed a draw in 8 rounds of a lightweight contest. Jack Foley, Dublin, won his first professional contest when he outpointed Jack Fairclough, Preston, in a 6-round flyweight contest. Bert Jordon of Bridlington, won over Billy Hodgson, Lancaster, in the third round of a featherweight bout. Bert Smith, Bridlington, outpointed Peter Gaskell of Wigan, over 6 rounds of a featherweight contest.

Cyril Gallie, Cardiff, won his welterweight elimination contest for the Welsh title when he outpointed the undefeated ex-amateur Bob Burniston, Barry, in 10 rounds at Trealaw.

Gus Foran, Liverpool, made a welcome reappearance in the ring at Blackpool to outpoint Teddy Gardner, West Hartlepool, over 10 rounds.

Billy Finch, Plumstead, scored a K.O. win over Jackie Foster of Ireland, in the second round of a flyweight contest.

Morty Kelleher, Ireland, stopped Dennis Earls, Plumstead, in the third round of a featherweight contest. Arthur Gould, Plumstead, outpointed Danny Nagel, Ireland, over 8 rounds of a featherweight contest.

Bert Hyland, Ireland, defeated Johnny Boyd, Peterborough, in the fourth round when the referee intervened. Reg Spring, Southall, outpointed Ernie Woodman, Battersea, in an 8-round cruiserweight contest, at Leyton.

Billy Pearce, London, won over Tom Whittle, Wales, in the first round, when the latter was disqualified. These two lads are flyweights.

Hal Bagwell, Gloucester, defeated Ben Duffy, Jarrow, in the sixth round, when the latter retired with a damaged eye. These featherweights fought at Cheltenham.

Jim Wellard, the Northampton welterweight, was in fine form when he met his stablemate Reg Hoblyn, Hounslow, in the main bout at West Ham. Hoblyn proved a game opponent, but the referee thought that he had no chance of winning and terminated the bout in Wellard's favor in the sixth round. Billy Caldicott, Hull, stopped Billy Marlow, Battersea, in the fifth round of a lightweight contest.

Terry Allen, Islington, 112, who is matched with Dickie O'Sullivan for The Southern Area title, and Eliminating British title at the flyweight limit, gained one of his best victories to date, when he defeated Jackie Bryce, Glasgow, 113, in 8 rounds at Caledonian Road Baths.

Bryce, who is the Scottish flyweight champion and holds a decision over Dickie O'Sullivan, could not cope with the fast-moving and hard-hitting Londoner. In the third round Allen put Bryce on the canvas for a count of five.

Jimmy Bryce, the welterweight brother of Jackie, won a hard four-round contest from Basil Harris of Oxford. Freddie Hicks, Bermondsey, knocked out Jim Wilde, Oxford, in the fourth round of a featherweight contest.

Stan Rowan, 120½, Liverpool, gained an easy win over the Belgian bantamweight Fernand van Houche, 120, at The Stadium, Liverpool. The referee stopped the contest in the eighth round. Stan Hawthorne of North Shields, 144½, now boxing in the welter ranks, did not set the Mersey on fire in his bout with Paddy Dowdall, Dublin, 141, although he won on points in 10 rounds of a mauling, rugby, scrum-like contest.

Tommy Harlow, Derby, knocked out Johnny Flynn, Andover, in the fourth round of a hard-hitting contest at Watford. Gene Fowler of Canada outpointed Ben Bowden, Cricklewood, over six rounds.

What can be described as one of the best cruiserweight bouts was fought by Don Cockell of Battersea, and Jim Carroll of Stockport, and enjoyed by the big crowd at High Wycombe. First one and then the other gained the advantage, and it was no surprise when the referee declared it a draw. Billy Carrington outpointed Benny Richards, Slough, after a good bout in six rounds.

Tommy Uren, Australia, won over Jim Brown, Banbury, in the second round at Oxford. The Australian heavyweight outclassed his opponent. Les Pam, the Hackney heavyweight, knocked out George Barrett, Eltham, in the fourth round.

RING READERS

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The British Boxing Board of Control have passed another of their overnight decisions that has caused a sensation in these British Isles. Their latest is to the effect that, after the three broadcasts now booked of the big contests arranged, they will not allow any promoter to arrange broadcasts until they, the B.B.B. of C., have had some consultations with the British Broadcasting Corporation. The outcome of this is eagerly looked for by the sporting element of Great Britain.

Johnny Softley, Poplar, 151½, won a hotly disputed contest against Eddie Cramer, Wales, 150½, after 8 rounds at West Ham. Ron Bissell, Rotherham, 118, stopped Charlie Waters, Downham, 120¾, in the fifth round when the referee intervened, when the latter had received a bad cut eye.

Charlie Roberts, Bradford, knocked out Geoff Turp, Wombell, in the fourth round at Douglas. These welterweights put up a good scrap until Roberts put in his finishing blow. Noel Sinfield, the 19-year-old Wombell lad, put up a good performance when he outpointed an old campaigner in Les Lloyd of Crew, over six rounds.

Jackie Turpin, Leamington, won on points after 10 interesting rounds against Ray Fitton of Manchester, at Blackpool.

Elfryn Morris, Wales, gained a win decision over Douglas Richards, Swansea, in the seventh round of the Welsh cruiserweight eliminating contest at West Bromwich. The referee stopped the contest when Richards received a cut eye.

Jack Solomons was rewarded with a capacity house at The Royal Hall when he staged the middleweight championship of the British Empire. The contestants were Vince Hawkins, British champion, and Bos Murphy, the New Zealand kingpin. Both went to the scales at 158½, and the contest was over 15 rounds, with Murphy being declared the winner. Neither had a punch and the bout was disappointing. Eddie Thomas, Wales, won a close decision over Henry Hall, Sheffield, afer 8 very exciting rounds. Ronnie Clayton, British, European and Empire featherweight champion, was given a surprise packet by Johnny Molloy, St. Helens, who gained a merited points decision in 8 rounds. Danny O'Sullivan, Finsbury Park, stopped Johnny Boom of Stratford, in the second round in the bantamweight eliminating series. The referee halted the bout after Boom was downed seven times. Tommy Uren, Australia, outpointed Peter Craven, Brighton, in a four-round heavyweight contest. George Hill, West Ham, knocked out Bill Brennan, Barnsley, in the fourth round of a heavyweight contest.

Peter Kane, European bantamweight champion, outpointed Sammy Reynolds, Northampton, over 10 rounds at Nottingham. Kane was master throughout. Frankie Williams, Birkenhead, outpointed Kid Tanner, British Guiana, in 8 rounds. Frank Parkes, Nottingham, outpointed Bert Jackson, Fleetwood, in 8 rounds. Sammy Sullivan, the 17-year-old welterweight is without a doubt one of Great Britain's young boxing hopes. He scales 150 (and he is still growing) for his contest with Bobby Barlow, Belper, who was knocked out in the first round. Yes sir, Sammy Sullivan will be among Britain's big boxers in the future.

Randolph Turpin, Leamington, added another to his list of knocked out opponents, when he put Freddie Price, Dublin, out for the full count in the first round at Coventry. Jackie Turpin outpointed Tommy Madine, Belfast, in 8 rounds. Charlie Squires, Coventry, turned the tables on Les Johnson, Finsbury Park, when he gained the decision in 8 rounds.

Micky Thompson, Eastern Area welterweight champion, knocked out Don Smith, High Wycombe, in the seventh round at Northampton. Albert Sanderson, Northampton, outpointed Gilbert Hughes, Wales, over six rounds.

Bert Hyland, Ireland, outpointed Bob Cleaver, Borough, over 8 rounds at Leeds. Ginger Stewart, Glasgow, turned in a good performance by stopping Gordon Ashun of Bootle in the sixth round when the referee stopped the contest, after Ashun had sustained a bad cut lip.

DUTCH WEST INDIES RING NEWS

By JIMMY LAMBERT

A NEW promoter, Julio Nicholson, made his debut in the Aruba boxing circle at the Swingsters Square Garden by presenting a stellar card on January 18 after having to postpone the program one night on account of rain. Although a disappointing crowd of only 2,000 fans showed up, they witnessed an action filled card with plenty of leather being thrown in four of the five bouts.

Young Tanner, 132, of British Guiana, and Kid Barquerito, 146½, of Santo Domingo, met in the main event. Though Tanner spotted Barquerito a terrific handicap of over 14 pounds, Tanner showed remarkable boxing skill in warding off the always on-rushing and aggressive Barquerito and even though we figured Tanner the winner by a very slight margin, the decision was a draw probably to appease the crowd which was yelling for a draw.

The semi-final brought together little Joe Louis Fernando, 150, from Curacao and Rosendo Perez, 153, from Cuba. Perez completely outclassed and outboxed Fernando in this contest by jabbing a lightning left that kept Fernando back on his heels throughout the fight. Although Fernando showed occasional signs of his boxing skill, Perez was too fast and experienced and a unanimous decision was awarded Perez after 10 rounds.

In the third 10-rounder Kid Oche, 146, from Santo Domingo, continued his winning ways by getting up from the canvas and halting a very stubborn Orestes Diego, 141, of Cuba in 2.20 of the fifth round. The referee stopped the contest as Diego hung helplessly on the ropes.

An eight-round preliminary brought together Kid Long Gun, 170, from Santo Domingo, who was out to avenge a previous K.O. suffered against Kid Matancero, 166, of Venezuela. After three rounds of running away from Matancero, Kid Long Gun refused to come out for the fourth round and the fight was awarded to Matancero by a T.K.O. in four.

In the opener, Kid Snake, 138, from Barbados, proved too strong and experienced for Baby Atomic Bomber, 130, from St. Martin, and easily won the four-round decision.

A new low in sportsmanship was set by the Aruba Boxing Commission by having all sportswriters ejected from their normal seating area to provide seats for their personal friends. After all, they are nominated to help in the promotion of clean boxing sportsmanship in the ring, not to fix their friends with choice seats.

FROM PORT AU PRINCE, HAITI

By LOUIS J. ULYSSE

OMELIO AGRAMONTE, the heavyweight champion of Cuba, knocked out Jules Charron, Martinican heavyweight, in the fifth round of a scheduled ten round bout. Charron was floored in the second round for a count of four and in the fifth for a count of six.

Kid Coca, Cuban welter, using a southpaw punch, knocked out Rio des Gants, Martinican, in the third round of a scheduled bout of ten rounds. Roi des Gants was floored twice in the second round but the bell saved him. Ansel Baba Adams who made two rounds of exhibition with Joe Louis, the heavyweight champion of the world, is here in Port au Prince, Haiti.

DETROIT AND WINDSOR FISTIC HEADLINES

By JACK WAINA

THE turn of the New Year did not help out Talmadge Bussey, 137, Detroit, and the local battler dropped his fourth local start at the hands of Ace Miller, 137, Toledo, in ten rounds at the Arena Gardens. Bussey showed much improvement over his last appearance when he fought Leroy Willis and took a real good pasting. But a fine left which did some very neat hooking and jabbing on the jaw of Bussey brought the "Toledo Bulldog" a clean cut victory. Talmadge brought the crowd of 1,475 fans to their feet in the ninth-round when a crashing right caught Ace flush on the jaw and rocked the latter. Fighting a wily fight as he did, Miller held on and then tied Bussey up in close to prevent further damage. The show had grossed $2,794.

Harold Guss, 179, hard-punching Chicago mauler, failed to deck veteran Verne Esco, 186, Toronto, but scored a ten-round decision in the second half of a double bill.

In the main preliminary Angie Souve, 129, Detroit, scored his eleventh straight victory in a rematch with Red Grant, 129, Toledo, after six slow rounds. In another six, Johnny Craigmiles, 146, Detroit, made a punching bag out of Billy Grimm, 141, Owasso, who showed plenty of courage. While in a four, Willie Hull, 138, Detroit, outpointed Al Shelby, 138, Detroit.

Grand Rapids fans got their first look at Tony Zale since the former 160-pound champion lost his title to Rocky Graziano, in a bout with Al Turner, Syracuse, New York. About 2,000 fans turned out to see Zale plow his foe out of the ring in the fifth round, and before he could climb back into the ring he was counted out. It was Zale all the way through the bout scoring two knockdowns in the fourth frame.

Here and There: All clubs will swing back into action and things should liven up here somewhat next month . . . The Michigan Boxing Commission got together long enough for the approval of Harry Harris to open the Fairview Gardens, on a weekly basis with the rounds lasting only two minutes instead of the customary three . . . David Gudelsky also suggested that Michigan boxing promoters run 12 shows per year or forfeit their licenses, which was unanimously approved . . . Fine idea Mr. Gudelsky . . . Chuck Ross, hammering Kalamazoo middleweight, attends school at Western Michigan College. . . . George Williams gym has moved to 53 Sproat Street and is now called the Sportsmen's Club . . . Benny McCombs, state light-heavy, will meet Bobby Berry up state . . . Hereafter Jack Pearlman will do his own matchmaking for his cards at the Arena Gardens and will run on the bi-weekly basis . . . Mike McNulty, formerly of Detroit, now out on the West Coast, has been named matchmaker for the Hollywood Legion Stadium . . . Charlie Hayes, Ferndale product, is seeking action once again hereabouts after some successful fighting in the East . . . Vern Mitchell, heavyweight K.O. artist, can be found hard at work early each day down at the gym . . . Jersey Joe Walcott stopped in town long enough to act as third man in the ring for one of Harry Light's wrestling shows . . . Lester (Little Ray) Felton scored two fast knockouts over Robert Earl and Eddie White. He now is in New York . . . This writer is interested in hearing from good unattached white boys . . . also any capable pugilists desiring employment hereabouts should send complete data . . . I can be reached at 8799 Homer Street, Detroit 9, Michigan.

SOUTH AFRICAN NEWS

By SOL C. MALOON

DURING this month, only one promotion was staged in this country and that by the White City Sporting Club.

The headliner was the South African welterweight championship match between Alf James, 145½, and George Angelo, 146. The bout produced some sparkling moments although the fight took place, for the most part, in a driving rain. James showed a greater repertoire of punches but Angelo's classic left kept scoring and earned him enough to don the crown by a very narrow margin. I have never seen James fight so well and nobody would have been disappointed had the bout ended as a draw.

Preliminaries: Jack Kukard, 189½, brought over his famous "giant-killer" right to K.O. Willie Steynberg, 170, in the first of a scheduled eight. Bob Bradley, 145, the South African middleweight champion, was K.O.'ed in the first of a scheduled six by Duggie Miller, 155½. Maurice Ouezman of France, 148, was unlucky to drop a points decision to Don Carr, 149, in six. Jimmy Towell, 129½, outpointed Johnny Holt, 126, in six. Jimmy Scoulelis, 124, had no difficulty in outscoring Jackie Johnson, 124½, in three.

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COVERING CUBA
By DR. J. A. VIEITES

SPORTS PALACE, Havana—Orlando Zulueta, 129½, won a good fight when he easily outpointed Lino Garcia, 127, in ten fast rounds. Zulueta used his left jab to pile up enough points to be declared the unanimous winner. Lino looked very good in the first half of the encounter, but he received a badly cut eye in the fifth round, and from there on fought a very conservative fight. Zulueta gained with this win a titular bout with the Cuban champion, Miguel Acevedo.

Diego Sosa, 126, was held to a surprise ten-round draw by Mario Pacheco, 126½, in the semi-windup. Sosa started very slow, and had to come from well behind to grab the "draw" verdict.

Occidental Kid, 126, scored a five-round T.K.O. over Andres Rodriguez. Mario Coll, 138, was disqualified in the third round for butting against Ramon Garcia, 142; while in the opening bout the fans saw a classy fighter in Luisito Castillo, 122, who stopped Ed Menendez, 120½, in the third round. Castillo looked like a "promise" in his third pro fight.

Camaguey—Batt Socarras offered a good show by stopping Eligio Alvarez in the third round of a scheduled ten-rounder. It was a real speedy fight while it lasted.

Orlando Cepeda, 146, scored three knockdowns over Kid Tariche, 144, before stopping the Kid in the opening frame. A good right cross turned the trick in the second minute of the fight.

Angel (Pigua) Sanchez, 110¼, fought a "stinky" fight by losing to mediocre Jalea Kid, 111¾, in the special six-round bout.

Havana—Occidental Kid, 125, scored another good win by easily taking the measure of Francisco Oliva, 126¾, in eight rounds. Orlando Hechevarria, 116, offered a good exhibition when he outpointed Jack Ursulino, 113, in the six-round semi-final.

Pinar del Rio—Miguel Cairo, 116¼, won as he pleased from Carlos Sanchez, 117, in eight rounds. Cairo won seven rounds and his victory was never in doubt.

Havana—Floro Hita, 121¾, scored an impressive victory when he stopped Carlos Sanchez, 118, in the fourth round, after scoring five knockdowns. Jack Ursulino, 111, upset Francisco Tosar, 110½, in the six-round semi bout. Tosar, a heavy favorite, failed to deliver any kind of blow with his right hand in any of the rounds.

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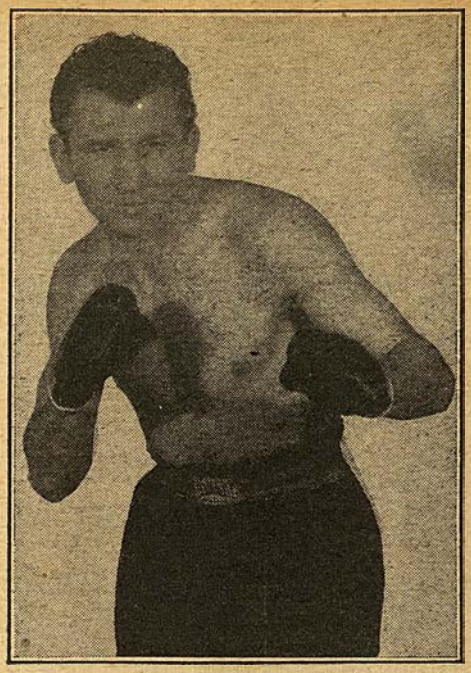

Aldo Minelli, Italian welter, brother of Livio. Aldo is not doing as well as Livio, but has engaged in a number of hard fought battles in this country.

Oriente—Two former champions of Spain, Justo Gascon, middleweight, and Jose Garcia-Alvarez, welterweight, went after some easy money and two more victories to Oriente, but both were easily defeated. Gascon received an unmerciful beating by newcomer Florentino Baro in ten rounds, and Garcia-Alvarez got the same medicine from Jose Olivera in the same distance. Both Olivera and Baro looked O.K.

Holguin—Ciro Moracen added another good win to his record by decisioning Mario Pacheco in ten. Moracen circled around his man all night and his southpaw stance was a problem too difficult for Pacheco. Many fans booed the verdict, believing that Mario deserved at least a draw, but the verdict was correct in my opinion, as well as in the eyes of more than half of the fans. (Featherweights.)

Havana—Tony Casas, 173, added another K.O. to his already long list of victims, when he stopped Luis Valledor, 166½, in the opening frame. Casas, a 17-year-old boy, is still undefeated and looks like a sure promise.

Mateo Sobrado, 151½, easily defeated Francisco Cifuentes, 155, in eight, while Floro Hita, 123, stopped Fermin Domenech, 126, in the third round of the "special" bout.

Facts and Rumors—The "Sports Palace" was reopened with the Zulueta-Garcia bout after having the "Ice-Capades" show, running almost a month. . . . Zulueta, who will fight Miguel Acevedo shortly, has accepted a Venezuelan offer for two fights. . . . Oscar Calles and Jose A. Diaz will be his matches. . . . Black Pico is sailing for France, where he will meet Emile Famechon and the French champion, Mustapha Mustaphaoui, but he will fight Monito Flores, the Mexican champion, first.

NEWS FROM THE CENTURY A. C. OF BALTIMORE
By DAVE KESSLER

THE Century A. C. started 1948 off with a bang as they brought to the fight fans of Baltimore 34 rounds of exciting boxing. In the ten-round main feature, two up and coming lightweights, Sonny Boy West and Herby (Biff) Jones, both of Washington, staged a thrilling 10-round battle. In the first two rounds the boys began to feel each other out. It was in the third round that Sonny Boy West began to unload his heavy artillery as he pounded Jones time and again with a smashing right and finally dropped him for a nine count. In the fourth round West again sent Jones to the canvas with another terrific right for the count of eight. West kept on coming and he took the fifth, sixth and seventh rounds. Jones began his belated rally which netted him the eighth and ninth rounds, but it was a terrific story in the tenth as West began to find the range and sent Jones to the canvas for his third trip of the night. The bell rang in time to save Jones from being knocked out. West was given the nod by a unanimous decision.

In the six-rounders: Tony Longo gained sweet revenge as he pounded out a unanimous decision over Salty Parker. Both boys hailed from Baltimore. Longo weighed 127, while Parker tipped the scales at 128. In the other six, Eddie Thomas pounded out a unanimous decision over Johnny Ford White of Washington. Thomas weighed 140; White, 144.

In the four-rounders: Tony Lerner of Washington and Johnny Clinton of Baltimore fought to a draw. Jesse Hagens, 138, of Washington, won a unanimous decision over Buck Welsh, 130, of Baltimore. In the final four, Billy Coffield decisioned Dave Staples.

Fighter of Month

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Dino took an 8-round decision in a rematch.

Lloyd Hudson outscored Jerry Lavigne, 8, but lost to Tom Collins, 8. Hudson then lost to Vic Young, 10. Teddy Davis beat Young Junior, 10. Hal Bagwell knocked out Roy Coote, 1, Sid Morgan, 7, and Ben Duffy, 6. Joe Barone defeated Juan Manuel, 10.

Lauro Salas whipped Jackie Romero, 10. Jackie Lucraft knocked out Ron Perry, 2. Dom Saia stopped Gene Gomez, 5. Percy Bassett defeated Angelo Ambrosano, 8, and stopped Jim Parlin, 7. Eddie Compo beat Tom Collins, 8, and Dino Bleta, 8, while Collins went on to stop Jimmy Callura in 4 Marvin Dick won over Eddie Dumazel, 6. John DeFazio whipped John Salamone, 4.

Bobby Bell outpointed Charley Burton, 6. Sal Farello edged Sixto Tostado, 6. Augie Soave defeated Red Grant, 6. Bill Ford defeated Jim Perrera, 6. Corky Gonzales defeated Frankie Rivera, 6. Del Flanagan kayoed Red Grant, 4.

Mel Hammond chilled Vic Creelman, 6. Bobby Polowitzer decisioned Felipe Gomez, 6, and Orlando Fernandez, 6. Charlie Titone beat Louis Compos, 6, and Marvin Dick, 6. Guillermo Roberts nodded Johnny O'Connor, 6, but lost to Nat Terranova, 6. Eddie Dumazel chilled Raul Roque, 3. Jim Kenny knocked out Jack Duffy, 1, Al Gibson, 1, and George Green, 2. Young Lee Q. Murray stopped Puggy King, 6. Mal Evans decisioned Steve Kronis, 8. Buddy Jacklich stopped Fabela Chavez, 9.

Bobby Polowitzer decisioned Jimmy Callura, 8. Leon Hudson whipped Jim Cleary, 6. Pat Murphy kayoed Johnny Cook, 5. Charlie Baxter beat Paulie Davis, 6. Johnny Eber beat George Cote, 6.

Eddie Marotta decisioned Harry Lassain, 6. Mel Hammond kayoed Frankie Rivera, 6. Jim Enopia chilled Norman Kelly, 4. Buddy Hayes beat Tony Riccio, 10. Johnny DeFazio whipped Jim Perrera, six.

Johnny Johnson whipped Luis Castillo, 10. Buddy Hayes defeated Jean Richards, 10. Jim Rooney was a victor over Frankie Pucci, 8.

Miguel Acevedo drew with Orlando Zulueta, 10. Carlos Chavez chilled Billy Gibson, 3.

BANTAMWEIGHTS

Peter Kane defeated Sammy Reynolds, 10, and Reynolds whipped Norman Lewis, 8. Stan Rowan kayoed Fernand Van Houche, 8. Danny O'Sullivan stopped Johnny Boom, 2, and defeated Kid Tanner, 8. Bout between Elley Bennett and Ray Coleman declared "no contest," 8. Joe (Boy) Collins halted Benny Lacey, 7. Ivor Gravel shaded Ivor Davies, 8. Ray Nelson lost to Gollo Castneda, six.

Luis Cedeno beat Baby Hawkins, 4. Ronnie Burr whipped Harry Warren, 6, and Ritchie McCulloch, 6. McCulloch also was outpointed by Jim Campbell, 8. Tony Darnell kayoed Paddy Shannon, 4. Harry Shannon knocked out Eddie Cramer, 2. Gus Foran outpointed Teddy Gardner, 10. Johnny Kent stopped Al Johnson, 5. Ernie Ormerod decisioned Syd Clayton, 6.

Calvin Leigh kayoed Ralph McNeil, 3.

Bobby McGhee outfought Syd Herman, 6. Joe Collins won on a foul over Jim Curley, 2. Jimmy Green stopped Al Johnson, 7. Frankie Castro beat Joe Tambe, 6. Calvin Leigh whipped Gabriel Rios, six.

FLYWEIGHTS

Billy Davies stopped Jimmy Gill, 6. Terry Allen outpointed Jackie Bryce, 8. Charley Squire halted Eddie Douglas, 4, and decisioned Les Johnson, 8, while Johnson drew with Norman Tennant, 8. Taffy Hancock stopped Val Newman, 10. Harold Clarke was declared the winner over Jackie Swann when the bout was stopped in the third because of a cut over Swann's eye.

Jack Foley decisioned Jackie Fairclough, 6. Jackie Hodder made Ronnie Bishop retire in the fourth. Mick Fay outpointed Ian Bignall, 4. Neville Rincheval defeated Al Peterson, 12, and kayoed Al Thomas, 8. Jimmy Cardew outfought Hughie Bryne, 4. Eddie Fitzsimmons outpointed Roy Thomas, 4. Raymond Jones decisioned Danny Parry, 4. Reg Pullen whipped Ken Frost, 4. Billy Finch flattened Jackie Foster, 2.

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